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**MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT**

After an absence of 35 years I am back with you wearing my Springbok.

I have accepted this appointment with humility and consider it a tremendous honour to be able to participate in your activities as Colonel of the Regiment.

You and I are the symbol of continuity, a link with the past. If we stop and think for a moment, we discover one of history's oldest dreams, that of improving mankind.

It's a unique dream that history pursues stubbornly through different individuals. It goes on and on but never ends.

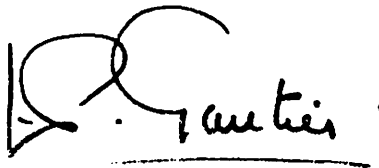
This continuity in our lives as soldiers is a constant search for liberty. As in the past, part of humanity's afflictions are the result of the oppressions inflicted on certain nations. The Regiment, in peacetime, in lands always fragile, must be in a state of continuous readiness.

It's in this spirit of continuity that we pursue our aims — to be strong and just; strong, to minimize miseries and just, to avoid iniquities which trouble the harmony of men.

Hohenfels gave me an opportunity to see the Regiment «in the field». Your patience in answering my questions and listening to my reminiscences was appreciated. Leliefontein afforded my wife and I a chance to meet all of you. We are grateful for your hospitality and your kindnesses. All members of the Regiment and of the Association are hard at work on the Centennial celebrations project scheduled for 1983. Keep up the enthusiasm.

I look forward to my being with you in the coming year. You are doing a splendid job of serving the Regiment and your country.

I am proud of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J.P. Gautier". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

J.P. Gautier, DSO, CD  
Brigadier-General (Ret'd)  
Colonel of the Regiment  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons





## COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

I believe that for everyone in the Regiment 1981 has proven a most busy and successful year. We did well in the Canadian Army Trophy and Boeselager competitions, ran our first CLC since 77, received C Squadron over for what was a very successful flyover, partook in two successful gun camps, and had a most interesting Fall exercise period and an extremely colourful Leliefontein.

Construction is well on its way in the North Marguerite, our home, and by the end of Centennial year we should move into our new quarters. Our tireless RSM has managed in very short order to afford us a new gate, to give our tank adorned flower-bed a face-lift, to get our M/Cpl's Mess off the ground and, in general, to see that our house is both presentable and regimental. A stalwart job and, I consider, well worth formal recognition. With his departure this summer for the School, the Regiment will lose one of the finest and most loyal Dragoons it ever produced. Thank you, Mr. MacAdams, on behalf of all ranks.

I would also like to welcome our new Colonel of The Regiment, General Gautier, and his charming wife Suzanne back to the family. From the moment of his appointment in July our Colonel has taken a most positive and active part in our life. He has visited us for two weeks during the Fall exercise period, attended the Armoured Corps and RCD Associations on our behalf and he has also presided over our Leliefontein celebrations. He has become well-versed in matters of the Regimental Guild and has done a lion's share of writing to various government agencies to see that our Centennial projects come to fruition. In this regard our Colonel of the Regiment also formally launched our Centennial planning with the signing of Op Order No 1 in August 81. A loyal and hard-working Dragoon, we are indeed very well served by such a fine gentleman and lady. Welcome, Sir, to our Regiment.

In January we launch into yet another busy year with participation in the Boeselager competition, Gun Camp in May, a change of command in June followed by the rotation of some 100 crewmen, then the flyover of C Sqn, our participation in the Summer and Fall Manoeuvres, of course Leliefontein celebrations and the usual late fall courses. Throughout, we will be required to maintain the high standard of operational readiness that our country and profession expect of us. As I mentioned last year, times remain troubled and extremely volatile and we must always be ready.

Since this will be my last year as your Commanding Officer, I wish to express my thanks to all members of the Regiment and their ladies, the RCD Association, our Cadet Corps, the members of C Sqn in Gagetown and the many ERE members whose service has made my tenure, for both Marlene and I, the most satisfying two years of our lives with the military. As Dragoons I commend you on your professionalism, dedication and unswerving loyalty and, as comrades in arms, I thank you for your support. God Bless, merci à vous tous et Bonne Chance en 1982!



C.J. Addy  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS ASSOCIATION**

I send you greetings from all members of the Association.

Centennial Year is fast approaching and the many projects being planned by both the Regiment and the Association to celebrate 1983 should more than adequately keep all Canadians informed of the part we have played in our country's history. There will be much said and written about these 100 years that are coming so quickly to an end. But no part of it can be more important than the part you are now playing in these closing years. As a member of NATO Forces, the Brigade of which you form a part demonstrates to the whole world that Canada stands committed to the preservation of peace in these troubled years.

All of us are looking forward to our 100th Birthday. I hope all Dragoons everywhere will participate, when the time comes, in the various Centennial Programmes. Join us and have a ball.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.H. Bateman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

M.H. Bateman  
President



## A NOTE FROM THE RSM

The account of the Regiment losing its mounts in 1940 was published in the Springbok several years ago. It was submitted by an SSM of the Dragoons, however, because of time I cannot remember his name. He stated that little has changed over the years except the type of equipment and that soldiers still have fond memories of the equipment that they have fought or trained with and the many problems adapting to new machinery as was the case in 1940. Having been a member of the Regiment during the retirement of two main battle tanks the SSM was correct. Old soldiers still today speak with pride and sadness of the tanks that they over the years, have fought or trained on, of which sit silent in War Museum's and parks. These soldiers are true Dragoons. The story of Teddy is my favourite and one that still stirs my emotions.

### TEDDY THE GREY



In a war thus suddenly dominated by armour and motors, the horse had, or was thought to have, no place at all within the military. As a result the Regiment lost its mounts in the summer of 1940 and started on the long and painful road towards mechanization. For the older soldiers and officers it was a fatal blow. Then resolutely they turned their backs on the past and set their minds to learning new skills. The silent stables spoke to them eloquently of an era that had gone, perhaps forever.

Most Dragoons were young men fond of riding and there was a mutual bond of trust and affection between a man and his mount.

In the stables was a veteran of the First War, Teddy the Grey. Teddy probably owed his survival to a covering of khaki paint when he went into battle. By this time he was a privileged individual with a well developed sense of humour and mischief. A favourite with all in the Regiment, except the last joined recruit to whom he was always assigned.

Teddy spent his last years in retirement. In 1940 when the Royal Canadian Dragoons became an armoured Regiment, Teddy was 31 and because of his age could not be sold; consequently, he was destroyed. The Regiment made a ceremony of a sad occasion. The Squadron turned out and the trumpeter stood ready as Teddy was led to his graveside by a Trooper who had ridden him in the First World War. Before the veterinary officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Dunault, could dispatch him quickly and humanely Teddy bolted and the Squadron had to break ranks and chase after him. Teddy was captured and the Squadron reformed and Teddy was destroyed. The incident added gloom to the already depressed Dragoons. The Squadron stood in silence as Teddy was destroyed. It should be noted that there was not a dry eye among these hardened war veterans for they were Dragoons, Canada's finest.

A.L. MacAdams, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer  
Regimental Sergeant-Major  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### JANUARY

- \* 5 WELCOME BACK TO WORK!
- \*25 BRIGADE COMMANDER'S INSPECTION.

### FEBRUARY

- \* 2 — 13 RECCE CREW COMMANDER'S COURSE.

### APRIL

- \*13 — 4 (MAY) REGIMENTAL GUN CAMP IN BERGEN-HOHNE.



### MAY

- \*10 — 16 BOESELAGER INTERNATIONAL RECCE CUP COMPETITION, RCD - 5TH POSITION.
- \*19 — 27 EX SNAKE BITE VII.

### JUNE

- \*14 — 20 CANADIAN ARMY TROPHY COMPETITION RCD - 4TH POSITION.
- \*25 — 21 (AUG) RCD CLC COURSE.

### JULY

- \* 4 RCD FAMILY DAY



### AUGUST

- \* 5 — 28 LEOPARD DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE.
- \*22 — 4 (SEPT) TACTICS TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS IN HOHENFELS (FALLEX PERIOD).

SEPTEMBER

\*5 - 11

EX SIMPLE VENTURE III - 4 CMBG  
FTX (FALLEX PERIOD).

\*12 - 19

SCHARFE  
KLINGE II - GERMAN CORPS FTX  
(FALLEX PERIOD).

\*28 - 20

(NOV) LEOPARD  
GUNNERY COURSE.



OCTOBER

\*5 - 20 (NOV) RECCE LIGHT TRACK DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE.

\*31 LELIEFONTEIN VOLKSMARSCH.



NOVEMBER

\*1 LELIEFONTEIN VOLKSMARSCH.

\*2 - 6 LELIEFONTEIN WEEK.

\*5 LELIEFONTEIN PARADE.

\*8 - 14 MINI GUN CAMP  
(GUNNERY CRSE)

DECEMBER

\*17 MEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER.

## CORPORAL EDWARD ALLEN FILSON

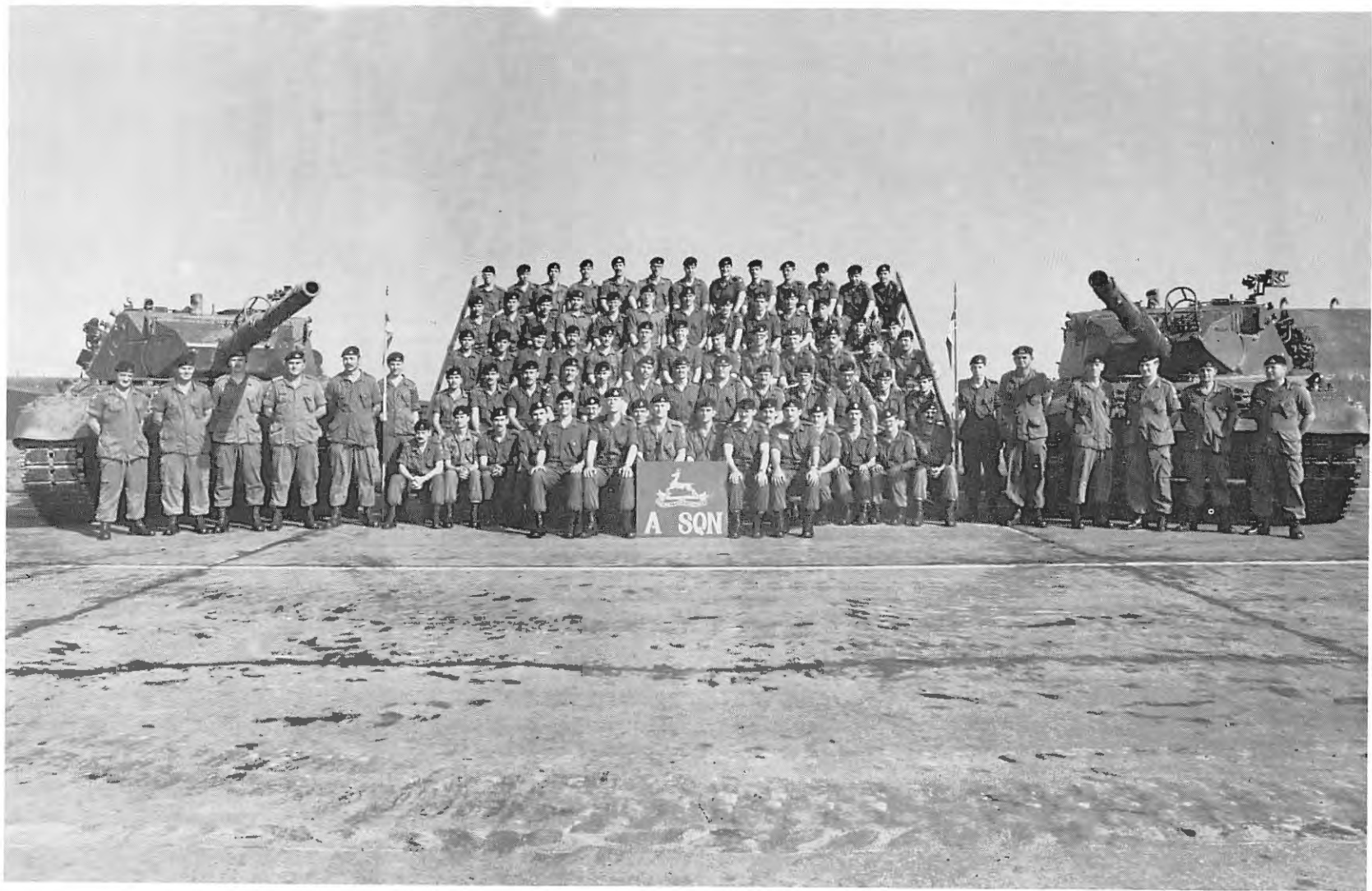


Every so often we are reminded that our Regiment is not only those of us who serve in it, but those who will serve in the future, and, most importantly, those who have served in the past. Such a reminder was discovered most unexpectedly last spring, when BGen P.V.B. Grieve, then Colonel of the Regiment, was visiting St. Paul's Church at Stella, on Amherst Island near Kingston. Opposite the church entrance was the memorial plaque shown here, dedicated to Corporal Edward Allen Filson, A Sqn, RCD, who fell at Leliefontein on 7 November 1900. In the churchyard there is also a large stone monument in his honour. Until this time, the Regiment had been unaware of these memorials, but now, they serve once again to remind us of the loyalty, dedication, and sacrifice of those who have gone before us.









## A SQN – 1981

The personnel of A Sqn were rudely introduced to the new year with the customary «good time» that surrounds preparation for ATI's and GOC's. A lot of hard work resulted in the inspections going very smoothly. Everyone no doubt enjoyed the individual attention dealt out by the General – thank God we were the first Squadron inspected!

After a bit of morale boosting, high altitude, winter warfare indoctrination (ski weeks), the Squadron was ready to tackle gunnery training. A very successful regimental gun camp was run in the spring culminating the training program. Meanwhile CAT training was going full tilt, with A Sqn providing most of the members of the team.

Bergen-Hohne proved to be good training and good fun as well (Hamburg was too close to resist). A Sqn proved itself once again by winning the top Squadron trophy at gun camp. Naturally the usual noteworthy incidents took place foremost amongst them being Lt Holder's captaincy of HMCS 12 through an inglorious defeat at sea.

The rotation period caused a tremendous upheaval of personnel in A Sqn, with Maj Thornton turning over the reins to Maj Carruthers who found himself with a brand new bunch of men to whip together in time for Fall Ex.



The IGs modelling the latest in spring fashions.



WO Verge: Well, there goes another tank down the drain.

Fall Ex proved a good experience for most members of the Squadron. The first two weeks in Hohenfels allowed us time to develop into a solid group. Who would have thought it possible after the first Squadron leaguer: «14 where are you?». This was followed by the initial harbour occupation, with the no light policy, resulting in more than the occasional curse heard from men wallowing in the mud.

With a couple of squadron traces under our belts, it was time to head out on the economy. Once the new drivers learned not to wave back, and to only occasionally glance at the local lovlies, we were able to motor through towns leaving most of their buildings intact. Deploying off the roads was always good fun, and we all got a little taste of destructive pleasure roaming across farmers fields in pursuit of the enemy.

When the End Ex was announced we certainly made good use of the local Gasthaus before our return to garrison life.



Sgt Langille about to make his grand entrance to the Sgt Major's O Gp.



Cpl Francoeur and Cpl Barry: Admin troops version of Mutt and Jeff.



Lt Barnes with his own interpretation of the term «hull down».



Now, who snatched MCpl Underwood's beret?



Sgt Major Hutchinson's crew suit never looked so good.



Tpr Conlon enjoying an impromptu German tea party.

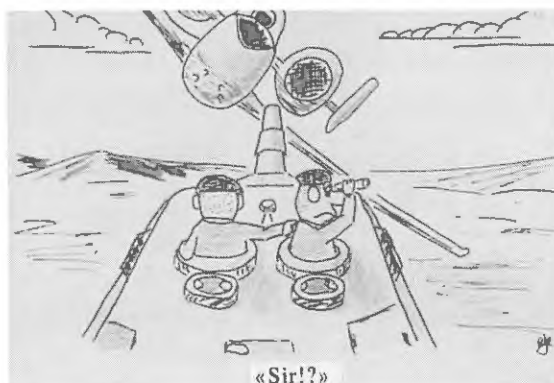




Members of SHQ in rare good humor for 0600 — must be that little bit extra in the morning coffee.



«Hi-Oh Silver, away!» — Maj Carruthers rides off into the sunset.





## CANADIAN ARMY TROPHY 81



What is CAT? The Canadian Army Trophy was first offered for tank gunnery competition among the NATO tank forces in 1963. Since then the competition has been held bi-annually and has moved upwards from a meeting of gentlemen interested in a little shooting, to the Olympic Games of tank gunnery with millions of dollars of tank sales resting on the outcome.

What is CAT? Same question, different answer. Each country nominates a line battalion on duty in NATO to compete. The battalion in turn designates five troops of three tanks each (15 total). By lottery four out of the five troops compete for CAT and the top three scores count. Each country sends one troop to do battle each of four days. On the fifth day the troops of each nation not drawn by lottery compete for a separate trophy. There is absolutely no difference in the calibre of competition in these two separate events as the participants are chosen by lottery and all are trained for CAT.

To pose the question differently. What is CAT? Crisis, Anxiety and Tension; this is CAT. Until you have sat in the gunner's seat on a battle run at this calibre of competition you don't even know what tension is! The crew commander, well he's just about as anxious as one can get. If you know how close the gunner's head is to the lower anatomy of the crew commander you can appreciate that the gunner's tension is increased just praying that the crew commander doesn't become too anxious!

In the beginning it had been all so new: the competition rules, the SOPs, the drills. There was so much to learn. The IMR, trying to get it all together: one more run and then the debrief. And the discussions, they could go on forever. There must be a million ways to do it, and we had to find the best.

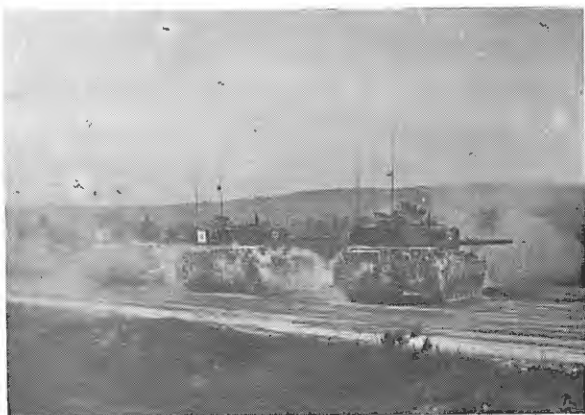
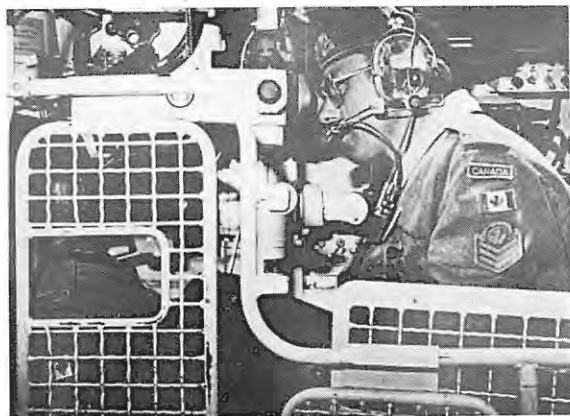
It was hard work, with lots of skinned knuckles from changing MG's on the move, but we did it, and did it again, until we could do it in our sleep. We did the maintenance with special care, checking and checking again: it all had to work. And we spent more hours on the IMR and we did get it together, better than we would ever have believed.

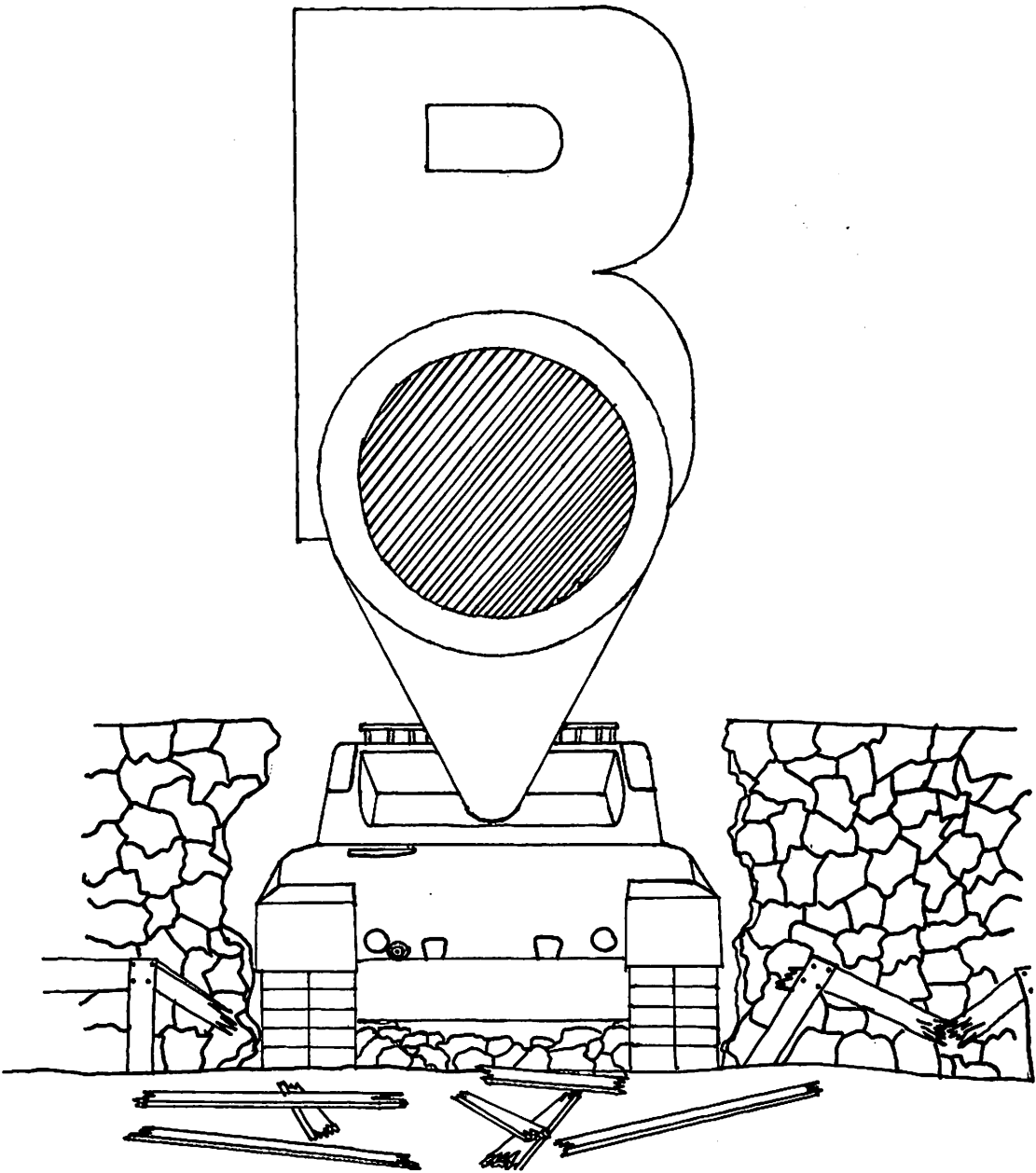
In April we headed out to Regimental Gun Camp in Bergen-Hohne with a will. Eager to put all of our dry training to the test, we found that there was more to learn, and problems to solve. Superb work was done by our mechanics, and we all got to know our equipment better. We fired battle-run after battle-run, and at the end we were ready to take on NATO's best.

Our three-week stay in Grafenwöhr was enjoyed by all. We trained hard when we had the ranges, we worked hard on our tanks, making sure each detail was taken care of, and we played hard in our spare time. The team received support of the highest standard from the CAT support organization that deployed with it and from the rest of the Regiment who picked up the extra load back at home.

Competition Week. Excitement, pressure, moments of ecstasy and of despair. We didn't win. We came fourth out of six. But we were up against the best and we were in it to the very end. We made friends; we had fun; but most of all we learned, about ourselves and about our tank. We will be there in '83 once again we will make the rest of NATO stand up and take notice.

CANADIAN ARMY TROPHY 81







## B SQUADRON

The problem with articles of this nature is how to open on an original note. Opening lines are limited: «B Sqn had a busy year ... », «It has been a hectic year for the Squadron ... », or «Another eventful year has passed ... ». Although these lines are worn, they do serve the purpose very well, and that purpose is to introduce the squadron's story for the past year.

You're damn right, it was a busy year! As usual (SALY) ATI and GOC's inspection heralded the coming year. The ATI left us with the usual gems: we are definitely too hard on the equipment – bins are not to be dropped on top of the turret during contacts and wrist watches are not to be overwound during the frustrations of midnight O groups. GOC's inspection, on the other hand, allowed us the opportunity to brag about our rugged equipment and show it off to the brigade commander. Pretty sight all those tanks. This inspection also afforded the OC, Maj Sproule, the opportunity to practise his unique style of saluting. Nice try, Sir.

The CAT competition resulted in the virtual dismantling of the Squadron in order to provide the team with its best crews (modesty, humility !!!). The preparation for the competition was difficult but our hats are definitely off to all competitors who experienced the gruelling pressures on the firing point. Those in B Sqn who were not competing were, nonetheless, very busy in support roles. Hard work for all was the order of the day throughout CAT; however, there were one or two parties to help relieve the tensions. (Capt «Bumpy Bob» Fife offered his arm to the Doc, Capt «Axe» Anderson, who showed his handicraft in a CUT competition.) Stress therapy anyone?

Shortly after CAT the Squadron slate changed drastically. Maj Sproule gave up his panzer command to Maj Blair and SSM Rothenburg passed his cane to SSM Turner. Many other changes also took place, so those of you who think you were missed, rest assured the blame has been fixed. Before the dust had settled on the movement of personnel, the Squadron went off to Munsingen for two weeks of training. One might think that the value of training with only three undermanned troops is strained; but, it was more than worth it. Our OC, Maj Heinz Gud 'Blair' ian was definitely in his element. All work and no play will dull a squadron's tungsten carbide core, so, a few parties were in order. Most memorable was the Squadron smoker which truly was a good time. Sgt «Jolly Joe» Schroeder provided the usual culinary delights and Tpr «Big Bopper» Billingsley passed out beer (or is that just passing out!). The Squadron moved down to a local Gasthof where Tpr «Crafty» Carew quickly hired himself on as bartender feeding beer to Tpr «Dyn-o-mite» Dunbar, who was busy in the corner crushing French soldiers and disposing of them out the window. On return to camp, WO «Tom Cat» Jones led a dozen soldiers in a march past through the French guards who had laid on a most memorable reception. (Rescue, compliments of OC B. Thank you, Sir).

The tanks were back on the road the next day (I think it was the next day??) ready for a squadron exercise that was to prove extremely beneficial. Explosives were in place to simulate artillery, the tanks were in the battle position and 2 Tp (the enemy) was advancing through the fog. Hiding in the fog was a 5/4-ton containing SSM «Twinkle Toes» Turner and Sgt «Mighty Mac» McPherson. Everything was quiet in the truck as they listened to the tanks get closer, and then, about 20 metres away, a tank barrel appears out of the woods. Both men look at the barrel. They turn and look at each other. The dialogue:

«Who is that?»

«I think it's 22?»

«You don't think he'd ... ?»

«J ..... C ....., DUCK!!!»

BOOM

Well, what can I say? I had absolutely no way of knowing. It could have been an enemy ruse? Sorry about the paint job Sgt-Major.

Overall, Munsingen was classed as a real disappointment by some. It hardly rained. The weather was quite nice. The training superb. People even had fun. What a horrible time it was! Complaints from every corner. MCpl «Eagle Eyes» Arvais could only detect contacts at 10 kilometres. Troopers «Lead Foot» Lafleur and «Samuri» Smith were irked because their war wagons would only go a paltry 80 km/hr. MCpl «Guns» Gernsbeck and Tpr «Viper» Verspagen did nothing but complain about their rain gear having to remain in their kit bags. The sorrow goes on and on.

In order to stop all of this haggling about nice weather, NATO arranged for the Squadron to go back to Lahr for 10 days, wait for the good weather to pass, then send all of their forces on FALLEX, just so B Sqn could get some rain. Damn considerate.



At this point many more people joined B Sqn to beef up its depleted ranks. Lieutenants «Erwin Rommel-Burbidge», «Laughing Larry» Maybee (?) and LdSH (Lord Strathcona's Henwood) came to fill the command positions. MCpl «Ready Rack» Wright, Cpl «Recoil» Reed, Tpr «Moustache» McPhail and Tpr «Cam Stick» Burton added their welcome talents to the Squadron. The list goes on and – oh, yes – welcome to Sgt «Puns» Paquin: SHQ will never be the same.

Hohenfels afforded us the opportunity to fine tune many of the skills taught in Munsingen and to work with our brothers-in-arms; the infantry. Bless their little soft caps. So, after two weeks of training and being a part of some of the most memorable «bogs» on record, SACEUR, upon hearing that B Sqn had received ample rain, ordered NATO to move on to the outlying areas.

With only two short rests, one in downtown Lilling and another amidst the skyscrapers of Mittal, B Sqn was in the fields and making war. Tanks, Marders, aircraft, bridges motorcycles, cars, houses, crops and hydro poles (all enemy of course) fell prey to B Sqn's might. Even the Polizei paled in the shadows of such B Sqn war gods as MCpl «Klino» Catterall, MCpl «No-Nonsense» Nolan and Tpr «Road Wheels» Richard. All of these notables and their various feats would surely make the four horsemen shudder; but, tempt fate if you will, there walked among us one who made even the umpires quiver – Sgt «Mean Streets» McAvity. Gawd, I wake screaming and sweat-sodden in the night merely recalling the threats of unnatural tortures levied at the white-banded devils by «Mean Streets». Merciless, a man without conscience.

No one was visibly upset when FALLEX ended. The only possible exception to this was our SQ, WO «Rascally Rube» Major who in the midst of kit checks and inventories, almost substantiated the loss of Tpr «Man-Mountain» Morton's laundry bag. Not an unusual incident in itself; however, the contents included a tuxedo, three FNCIs, two Rolex watches, an assortment of jewelry and a scarf combat. The summary was underway when «Man-Mountain» claimed to have discovered the bag and contents on the piano in his penthouse.

A monumental maintenance requirement was spawned by FALLEX's demise and the responsibility for surmounting the problem was passed to the real «nuts and bolts» of the Squadron, the mechs (oh! Please excuse me. It's happened – a Paquinism – Many pardons). WO «Louvers» Leclerc, Sgt «Fender Bender» Bevven, MCpl «Motors» MacKinnon, MCpl «Fix'n Fire» Fritz and Cpl «Diesel» Djian were only a few panzer physicians who presented the unwelcome news of F4s for everyone. No doubt someone overheard plans for relaxing a bit and quickly engineered this nasty plot.

Along with this came a tasking for a Leopard gunnery course to be carried out by the Squadron. What an underhanded way to get out of the twists and turns of the maintenance program. Imagine, giving up the grease and hard work for the swan of eight hours instructing and six hours in the books. Despicable. To top it all, these gunnery lords asked to be introduced in the true military fashion of rank, initials and name. Who can argue with logic as complex as the inside of a fume extractor. Here they are: WO IFCS Brown, WO FNA Jones, Sgt BBC Blackburn, Sgt CLCU Powell, Sgt BML Votour and Sgt APFSDS Paquin, esq. May you all enjoy a most salubrious gun camp.

These barons of the bore brush wound up getting the last laugh. They cordially invited the Squadron to join them in Bergen-Hohne. No complaints though. What better way to end the year than firing the tank. Tpr «HESH» Hunt, Tpr «Laser» Latam and Tpr «Full Stab» Stovold were experiencing anxiety pains at the thought of wrapping their digits around the controller and pulverizing targets. Merry Christmas from the muzzle end.

Next year SALY will prevail as she has in the past, and next year's articles will start with those immortal lines: «B Sqn had ... »; «It has been ... »; or «Another eventful ... ». Yet the articles will be as relevant as always because the routine may be SALY but the personalities have changed and there lies the all important difference. People make the Squadron what it is, and the year memorable: this Squadron and this year have been most enlightening and pleasant. Although a large number of soldiers were not named in this short piece, they are of individual importance to the Squadron, and their personalities as vital as those mentioned. To do it again next year with the same B Sqn – wishful thinking. Having done it this year – a pleasure.

God bless them all.



«Ha ha ha — you thought I was kidding, didn't you? As soon as the lower support is blown off, the whole tower comes down — it happens every time — ha, ha, ha . . .»



«Again now, slowly — the next time you hit me with a piston assembly — or anything else — there'll be no more Mister Nice Guy.»



«Gosh.»



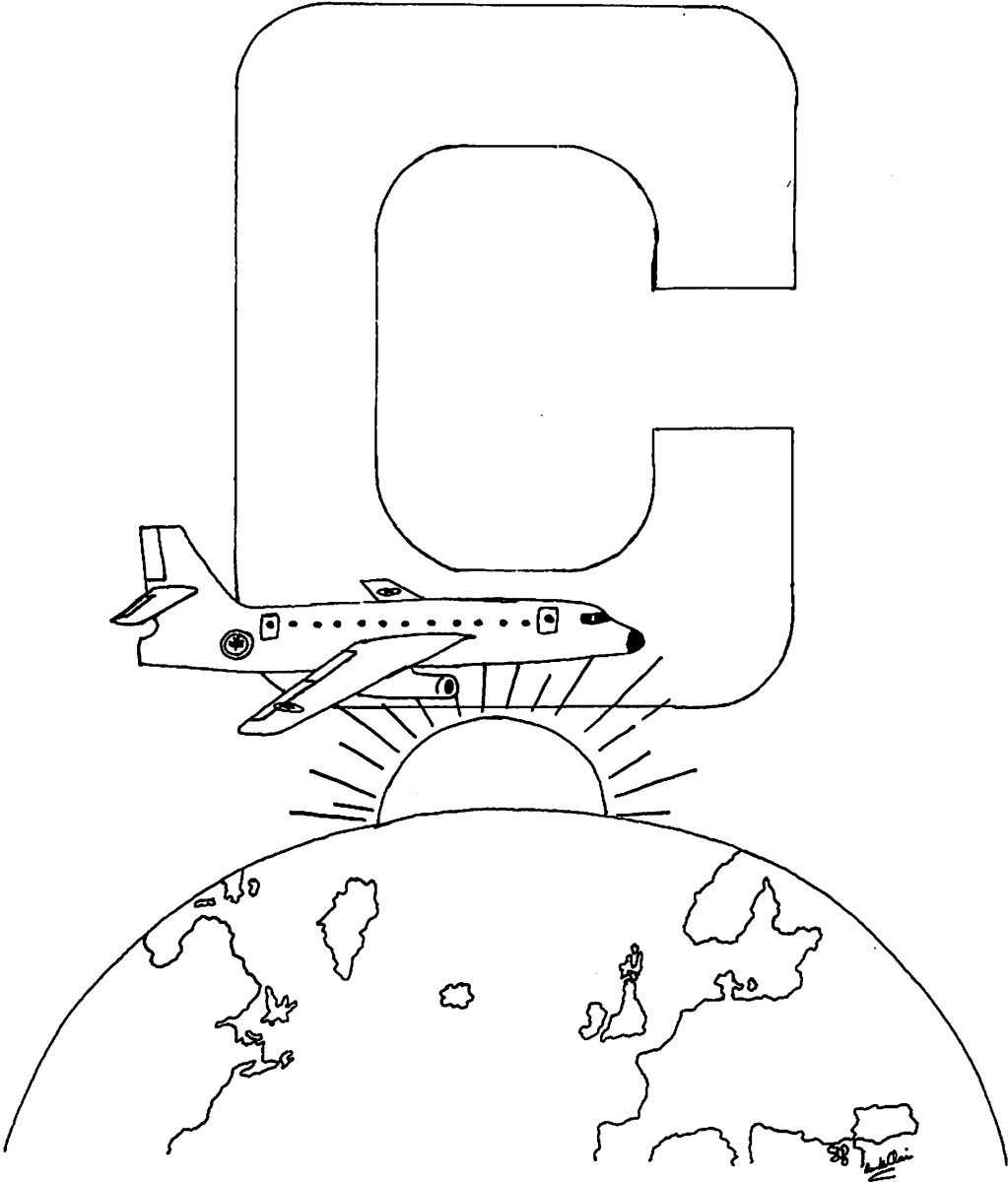
«That's right, Warrant, the OC just laid there, so we put the power pack back in.»



«Let's fix up the OC with a Summary Trial by Dunking.»



«Eat that stuff?! No way — I cook it!»







## C SQUADRON

C Sqn, Commendatorius, Charles Sqn, C Force, Chuckles Sqn, C Troop, Chicken Sqn, these are just some of the terms used, from the proud to the profane, to describe the Regiment's most unique Squadron. This year has been busier than ever for us, starting with the ATI and GOC's inspection in early February and carrying through to the arrival of the remainder of the Squadron from Canada for FALLEX 81.

The Squadron personnel based in Lahr were kept hopping, managing and maintaining their tanks. As there is only an average of 1.5 men per tank in the Squadron it was a none-too-easy task. The spring brought with it the CAT competition and C Sqn took part as best it could by sending three tanks and four crewmen on this most important of Regimental events. The coming of summer saw an almost complete changeover in Squadron personnel. WO Czimmek, who had been running the show in the absence of an AO, took his retirement. Capt P.A. Philcox assumed the duty of AO and WO Verge moved from A Sqn to take on SSM/SQMS tasks. Only Sgt Stark, MCpl Clement and Cpl Lessard remained from the old crew of armour soldiers. The Squadron's dedicated troop of wrench turners under the able control of Sgt Rawlinson had only a few personnel turnovers and because of the work, barely had time to notice before FALLEX was upon us.

August brought with it the full manning of C Sqn as the lads from Gagetown arrived and took over their tanks. They certainly had not had an easy time of it this year either. In addition to their own heavy training schedule, the Squadron had provided support for the 6A, Sqn Comd's and Phase III courses. RV 81 also took place in Gagetown and as the only tank squadron in Canada, C Sqn was heavily tasked to provide support to all the Canadian infantry battalions. Immediately after RV 81 the Squadron held a Change of Command parade and bid a heartfelt thanks and goodbye to the Sqn's Commanding Officer, Major F. Berge, who then left for new duties at CFB Chilliwack. Major Meating was appointed as the new CO and along with a new BC and some new troop leaders, brought the Squadron to Germany.

FALLEX 81 was spent doing Squadron work-ups in Hohenfels and then participating in Ex Simple Venture III and Ex Scharfe Klinge. It was an exercise of movement and the Squadron was much practised with three train moves and one tank transporter move.

The return to Canada of the Squadron at the end of September marked the real end of summer and with the early arrival of the winter rainy season to Lahr, the Squadron set about the routine of maintainance, maintenance, and maintenance, with all looking forward to the day when C Sqn would be complete in Germany with the Regiment.



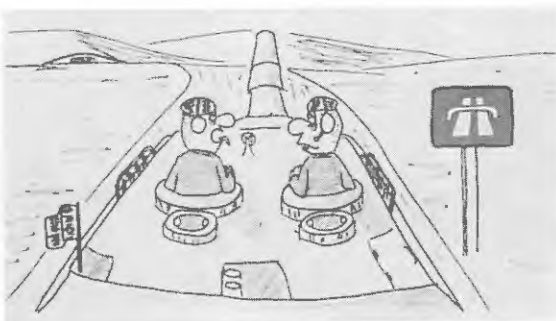
Cpl Templeton and Cpl Dunham. «Even ARVs get sick.»



Victory on the greased pole.  
Leliefontein Sports 81



Maint tp  
Hohenfels 81



«Don't sweat it sir. Those guys in the tower have  
done this battle run a hundred times.»

## «HORSE GUARDS' RETURN TO EUROPE»



Seventeen members of the Governor General's Horse Guards and members of several other militia armoured regiments were involved with the RCD during Reforger 1981.

The Horse Guards, winners of the 1980 Worthington trophy, provided a formed troop for D Sqn. Two were allowed the chance to work in tanks and were sent to B Sqn for the Fallex. Other regiments that had personnel on the exercise were the Saskatchewan Dragoons, the Windsor Regiment, the First Hussars, the 8CH from Sussex, the Sherbrooke Hussars, and the Royal Canadian Hussars.

The Horse Guards' recce troop promptly commenced scrounging equipment as soon as they arrived. The result was the unorthodox four-jeep and one-Lynx troop that became a too-familiar sight for the umpire staff during the FTX. It was often hard to convince the umpires that the open jeep with a Carl Gustav strapped to the roll bars had just successfully defended itself against an enemy M48 tank. The troop had nine lives however, and only used seven or eight in conflicts with the Bundeswehr.

The militia troop, or as they preferred to be called, simply «4th» troop, were often known to carry on half the night singing songs. The favourite was the one which summed up the troop's feelings about recce in an open jeep:

«All I wanna do is find me some action:  
When I do I'm gonna run the other way,  
Thank God I'm a Recce Boy!»

The troop did learn a great deal about reconnaissance and was proud to be a part of D Sqn, if only for a short while.

Many militiamen found the exercise a maturing experience both professionally and personally. (Cpl Jones started shaving more often than once a week, and MCpl Shevlin started shaving three times a day).

The SSM probably wanted to start charging rent on his hanger «parade square» since Sgt Waite was always on it forming up the troop for morning inspection and afternoon dismissal. (Once a Guardsman, always a Guardsman).

Perhaps SHQ will remember the Horse Guards troop best for call sign 44D. The night MCpl Hall tried to cross the river Neckar was a long one for everyone. One is reminded of the old television show «Car 54, where are you?» when thinking of 44D's escapade in trying to reach the remainder of the troop.

The Horse Guards' troop had just finished a period of five months away from home during RV 81 and Reforger in Germany. It is always good to be going home after a long absence, but the troop was sad to see the time come to fly home. It marked the end of adventure in which training opportunities are many and varied.

Thanks, RCD, for putting up with the Horse Guards and all the militia support during 1981.

## 5TH BATTALION 68TH ARMOR

The «Grey Lions» Battalion, 5th Battalion, 68th Armor, had an interesting and busy year in '81. As always, we of the «Grey Lions» outshot and outmanoeuvred all other battalions in USAREUR. 5/68th participated in three gunneries during the year, each CARDINAL POINT at Baumholder presenting different challenges to the battalion. The first, in January, gave the battalion the opportunity to show its shooting expertise on a range designed for an M60A3 tank rather than the A1 tanks of 5/68. It also was our first exposure to MILES (Multiple Integrated LASER Engagement Simulation), an excellent training medium. 5/68's second gunnery gave the battalion an opportunity to hone individual tank gunnery skills and to operate in a difficult maintenance environment. The last gunnery of '81, in October, gave the new battalion commander, LTC George J. Telenko, a chance to get an understanding of 8th ID (M) gunnery and of the Baumholder training area.

The «Grey Lions» also had a chance to excel on the tactical manoeuvre side of combat, going on a number of smaller exercises, ranging from CFX's to River Crossings. All this training culminated in CERTAIN ENCOUNTER, the largest of the REFORGER series of exercises. The battalion faced British, Americans, and Germans; repeatedly out-performing them in spite of the age of our armored vehicles.

The battalion also had an AGI (Annual General Inspection) in April in which the battalion passed all functional areas and received many commendables in varied areas, ranging from Unit History to Equal Opportunity.

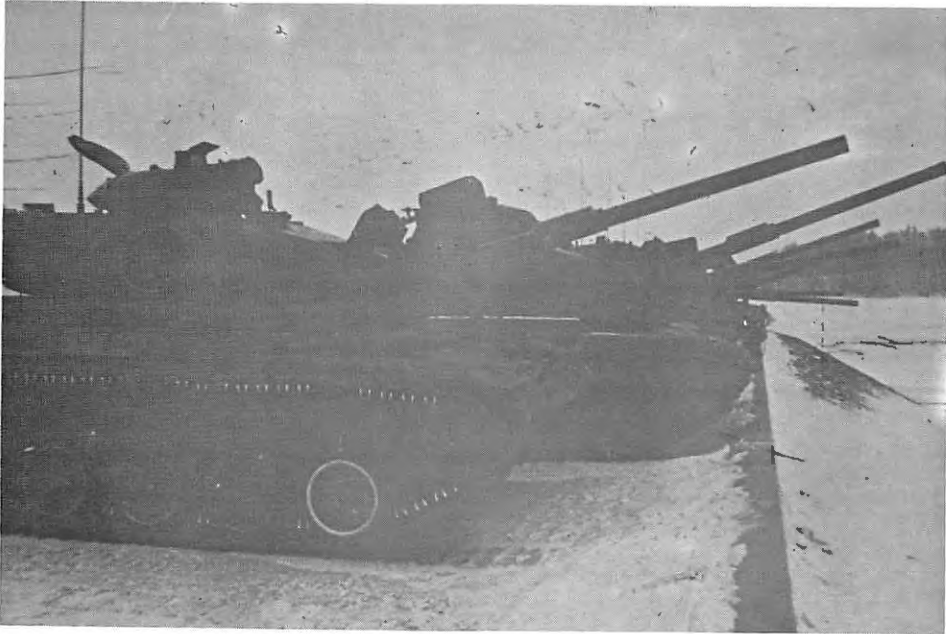
The «Grey Lions» were not «all work and no play,» however. The battalion had the usual Christmas gatherings for both children and adults. The festive mood lasted throughout the year with company parties for the enlisted, promotion parties for the NCO's and officers, and Hail and Farewell parties for the officers. The battalion also had its Organizational Day in June for all soldiers and families.

The «Grey Lions» had a demanding year filled with many challenges. It is hoped that 5/68 will face and overcome all those of 1982 as well as we did in 1981.

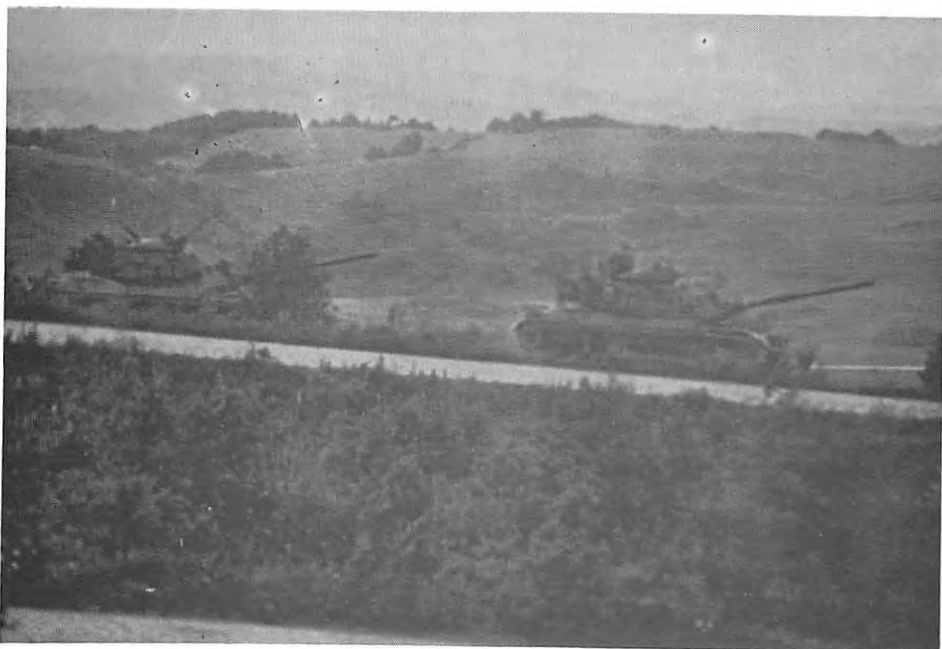


Baumholder Jan 81

5/68 AT BAUMHOLDER



Jan 81



May 81







## RCD COMBAT LEADERS COURSE

During the summer period the Regiment conducted a Combat Leaders Course for forty-four members. The course was run in order to allow a large number of deserving soldiers serving with the Regiment the opportunity of attaining their TQ 5B qualification.

Although the summer is normally a quiet period the course had to be shortened from the recommended fifty training days spread over ten weeks to 43 training days over an eight-week period. The course began immediately following the Regiment's return from the Canadian Army Trophy and ended just two days before deployment for FALLEX.

The Combat Leaders Course is an intensive course in any case, but with fewer days in which to meet the same training standard, this course became very demanding. Training days were lengthened by two periods and statutory holidays and most weekends were used for training as well.

The course was divided into two roughly equal parts. The first three and one half weeks were spent in garrison covering such subjects as drill, leadership theory and technique of instruction. Soon students were standing before their peers delivering poised and knowledgeable lessons on a wide variety of military subjects. It was during this period as well that the students lived in quarters. The «homes and gardens» phase ensured that the students got to know one another well while at the same time developing co-operation and teamwork.

The second part of the course consisted of primarily field work. The classroom first moved to the Langenhard training area where lessons in individual fieldcraft and infantry section tactics were taught then practised. Next was a three-day exercise in the Canadian Canter RMA where students were given the opportunity to practise all the phases of war plus patrolling. Their performances were being critiqued by the DS but not formally assessed.

This portion of the course concluded with two four-day exercises in the Canter area when each student was formally assessed on his ability as section commander and patrol leader.

During the course two competitions were held. The first was a military skills competition consisting of a five-mile forced march, with pistol and sub-calibre 84 mm shooting and the obstacle course on route, a tug-of-war and a kit relay race. Each section plus the DS entered a five-man team. The DS team won the competition with the Commandant's Trophy being awarded to the top student team led by Trooper Cy Brown.

The second event was an inter-platoon drill competition. Each platoon selected a student to act as the platoon Warrant Officer who led the team through a series of 37 different movements before a panel of judges consisting of Brigade RSM's. Two platoon, commanded by Cpl Keating won this event and received the trophy contributed by CWO A.L. MacAdams, the RSM.

Twenty-two students graduated on the final parade reviewed by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier General J.A. de Chastelain. The parade commander, Cpl Mike Wionzek from D Sqn, received the award as the top student with the award donated by Capt A.F. Stephen, the QM and MWO J.A. Choquette, the RQMS. The trophy for the most improved student went to Tpr Whitney Whitehall. This trophy was donated by the School Warrant Officer, WO T.M. Swyers. On the parade Cpl Kevin Mulhern acted as parade Sergeant-Major. One platoon was commanded by Cpl Gilbert Giroux with Cpl Fred Howald filling the appointment as platoon Warrant Officer. Two platoon was led by Tpr Rod Loesch with Cpl Andy Reid acting as platoon Warrant.



## LEOPARD GUNNERY COURSE 8101

On 28 September 81, the annual Basic Gunnery Course got underway in the Regiment.

The first week involved the normal preparations to ensure a smoothly run course and included Standardization Training for those who would serve as instructors.

Due to the size of the course, thirty-eight students, every nook and cranny of the Regiment was scoured to come up with the required number of instructors. We even had an RCD in a flight suit loaned from 444 Tac Hel Sqn to fill the requirement.

The course really got underway on 5 October with the normal course opening addresses, and then the axe fell. It was Gunnery Theory which boggled the mind and kept students at the books in the evenings. Morning tests proved as challenging to the instructors as to the students. Its hard to believe the number of possible answers to what was thought of as a very simple question.

As the course progressed through theory and equipment handling, all the various aspects of tank gunnery started to come together and the sounds of crew drills and the bustle of activity coming from the IMR served to make Regimental lines look somewhat like a training establishment on a rather grand scale.

As the course continued into November, the quiet preparations for the training Gun Camp took on a more urgent routine. B Sqn was busy making sure the required number of firing tanks, support personnel, ammunition and the thousand other things required for a Gun Camp, all arrived on range 5A at Bergen-Hohne.

As the sun climbed in the sky at Bergen-Hohne on 7 November 81 all the detailed planning bore fruit. Everything and everyone required to run our training gun camp was present and accounted for.

Bright and early Monday 9 November 81 the sound of tank gunfire could be heard over the ranges. The firing program called for maximum effort to meet the very tight schedule but with everyone working well together and the excellent efforts of B Sqn all the qualifying shoots were completed within the five firing days available.

The gun camp was a great success and as the dust settled after the return trip to Lahr the realization took hold that we had produced 35 new gunners and bought the level of expertise of many crew commanders to an all time high.

Gunnery is a critical requirement for tank crews. The knowledge and skill involded for changing a rather large piece of moving metal into a fighting vehicle which can deliver the battle to the enemy is difficult to believe. The crews of a tank are as vital to a tank's function as a pilot is to an aircraft and these crews required extensive training. They now have it and can return to their Squadrons and polish the basic skills learned on the Leopard C1 Basic Gunnery Course 8101. Good Shooting!

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS

This has been a very busy year for the Governor General's Horse Guards and one which has seen major changes taken place.

As a result of winning the Worthington Trophy as the best Militia Armoured Regiment in 1980, the Regiment supplied a formed recce troop for D Sqn during the 1981 exercises. As well, we also supplied two corporals as augmentees to B Sqn during the same period. While individual soldiers have been sent to the Regiment in the past, this was the first time in recent years that the Horse Guards performed at the sub-unit level in the field.

There were several ceremonial parades during the year, however, the saddest was for the funeral of our Honourary LCol-BGen W. Preston Gilbride who passed away in May. All members of the Regiment were deeply saddened with the news of the General's death. He had only taken on the appointment in 1980 with the ceremonial parade on the 28 September 80.

A second ceremonial parade took place on 20 September 81 when LCol John Burns handed over command to LCol Bruce Palanik at the parade held on Old Fort York in Toronto. In attendance were His Excellency, The Right Honourable Ed Schreyer, Governor General of Canada, the Regiment's Honourary Colonel, and the Toronto Militia District Commander, Col Don Pryor. This marked the first time in many years that the Governor General was in attendance for the Change of Command parade.

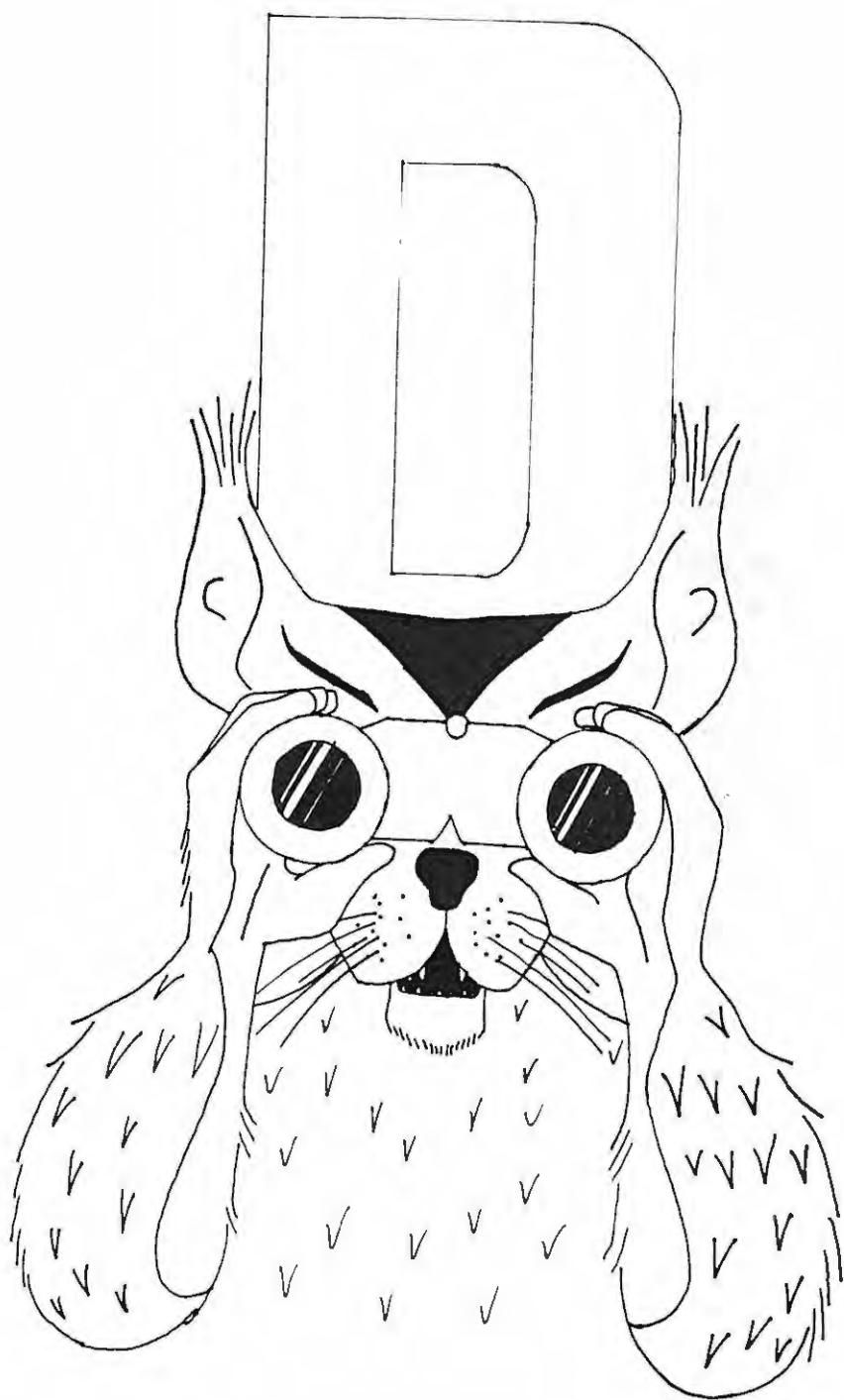
Included on parade was a troop from the Cavalry Squadron, performing a travelling escort for the Governor General and a musical ride at the conclusion of the ceremonies. As well, two Cougars were part of the parade formation. Thus, on parade, were the past, the present and the future traditions of the Senior Militia Regiment.

In February, officers and Sr NCO's from C Sqn visited the Regiment in the first of what we hope will be annual meetings. Technical topics were reviewed during the day and a combined mess dinner capped the weekend. We hope to visit C Sqn in Gagetown in 1982 to continue this exchange and maintain our ties.

One final note, the Regiment continues to train according to its role and continues to maintain a high degree of skill and professionalism. Although not the recipients of the Worthington Trophy in 1981, the Horse Guards were the runners-up in Central Militia Area, winning the Leonard Trophy, the second time in three years.

We expect to receive our Cougars shortly and look forward to our new role. This will certainly be a year full of challenges, as it marks the beginning of the Regiment's return to tank training.

All members of the Regiment are looking forward to an exciting year.







## RECCE SQUADRON

The Brigade Reconnaissance Squadron had an excellent year! Our first major Squadron level training occurred during exercise Snakebite. We deployed with suitable pomp and pageantry (TCO Safety Briefing) for Dinkelsbühl FRG on 17 May to conduct ten days of Armour vs Helicopter operations. As this was the first time during the 1981 training year the Squadron was together as a whole the atmosphere was promising from the outset.

Far from settling into the routine of nine to five training, the tables were turned early and troop training became the priority. It was a good opportunity to get back into the swing of plt/tp level tactics and the time was used to good advantage.

Some training value was achieved by those who worked against the helicopters. All too often however, the complaint was raised that the Lynx's were too difficult to locate. We compromised and moved more obviously in order to keep the Flyers happy.

While on exercise a visit was organized to the 3rd Sqn 7th Cavalry in Schweinfurt. This exchange proved fruitful and in the course of the stay much was done to encourage a strong relationship (copious quantities of beer drank for instance) between our two units.

Weather, as always, was a major factor in the outcome of the exercise. We were treated to a week of warm sunshine right off the bat. This soured however as we began the second week's activities and rain became the order of the day bringing the choppers' exercise to an abrupt conclusion. The mud and rain were reminiscent of the trenches of Flanders but between the training and the canteen we managed to keep morale high. All in all, a good exercise!

Several personnel participated in Boeselager training and those who attended proved to the rest of NATO that the Recce Squadron still sets the standard for our skills.

Fallex proved to be excellent training, too, as we spent the first week in the RMA outside of Hohenfels. This provided an opportunity to hone the Recce skills, which later permitted: 41 to defeat an entire enemy armoured Battalion single handed; 42 to operate coherently on six radio nets at once; 43 to stay in the low ground for the duration; and 60 to direct Regimental B Ech to B Squadron location with ease.

The militia provided a fourth troop for the Squadron and it proved to be very professional indeed. With its combination of jeeps and Lynx it managed to complete its task while evading the enemy (and SHQ!) for days on end.

The Squadron also ran a light track vehicle course to qualify members of the RCD. One of the final training events of the year was the mini-gun camp at Hohne where the recce soldiers practised their skill at arms. The RCHA also helped refresh the Squadron with live-fire target-grid procedure in November.

With the solid training base gained this year 1982 promised to be a very successful year indeed for Recce Squadron.



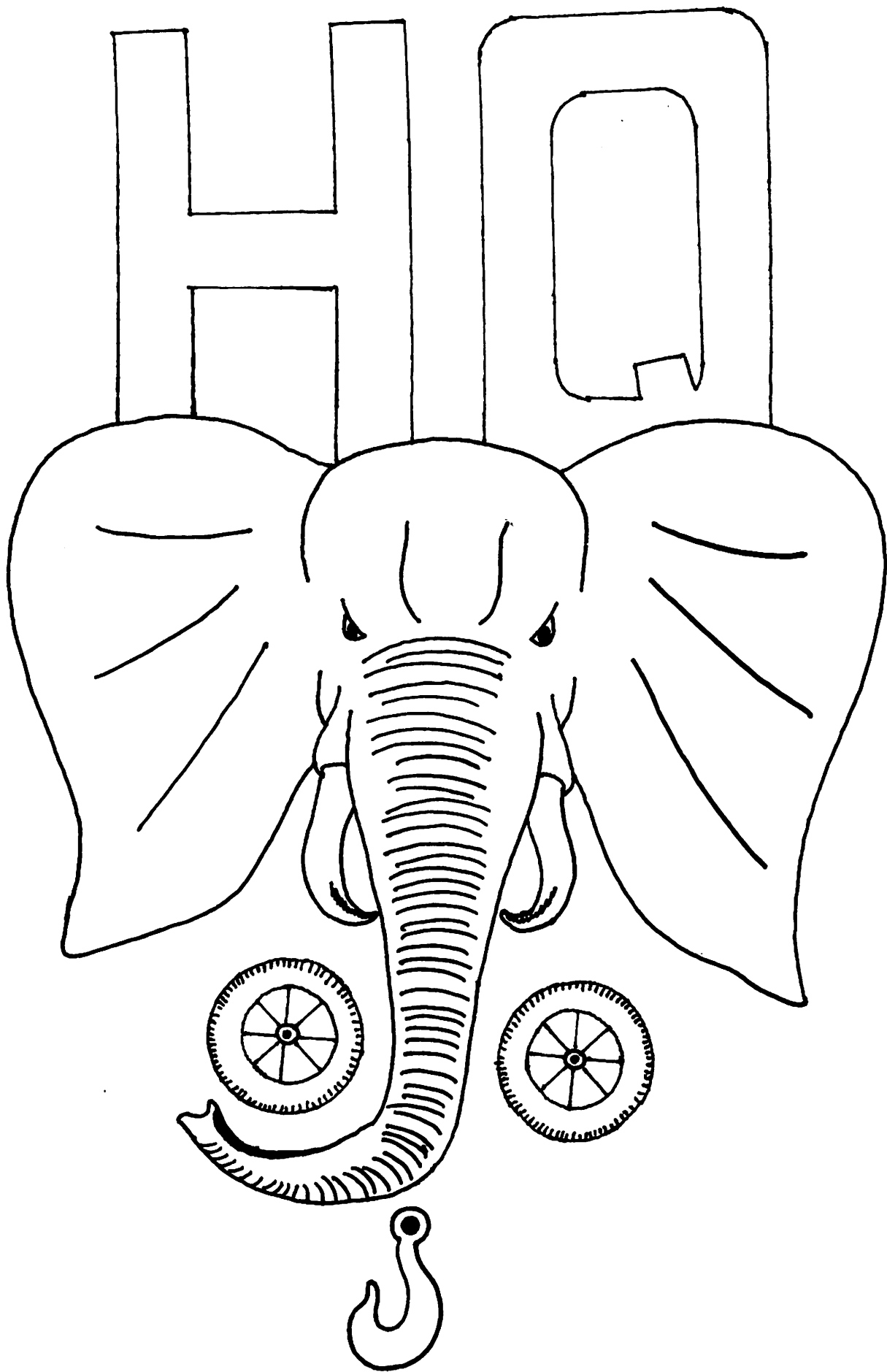
D Sqn chemical monitoring team about to prepare punch for Squadron party at Hohenfels.



«4, this is 41, contact, 18 tanks moving south, have engaged and destroyed.»



Trial on new individual rat pack by Cpl Kraehling.







## HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

«Well Comrade Spy you have enjoyed one year stay at Siberia Rest Camp?»

«Yes Comrade General! I appreciate leniency of great Mother Russia for forgiving my screw-ball up on last report of RCD.»

«Yes stupid boobnik, your report on HQ Sqn RCD led us to believe they were only good, not terrific. This could have had grave consequences!»

«Yes Comrade General, but I have new report on this fantastic unit.»

«Well simple fool, spit it out on me!»

«Well Comrade General they continue doing many, many things for ungrateful sqns. They be doing cooking (seven types of pancakes and hotdogs) fixing big and little things, driving big things into little things and giving new things for old things.»

«They be doing all things at once!»

«Yes Comrade General plus they becoming engineers and farmers and breeders of animals. They have a Cpl Stittsky who build Great RCD Wall of Germany around Supreme RCD Headquarters to keep nosy RHQ people in. Comrade Sgt Gutta has just finished planting new collective farm in front of old Cdn Tanks. But even more so they have this grey headed man called Cpl Macdonald who is making «bunnies» for all of RCD. He is a very special man.»

«Go on Comrade Spy! This is amazing!»

«They do all this Comrade General and still Germany echo's to their grinding gears, crunching bumpers and sound of tracks ripping up Capitalist lawns! In April they go to Bergen-Hohne with many people called «FCS and Weapons Techs» who claim they make big bullets go straighter. They also have people called «Mechs» who helped with experiments on new RCD submarine tank.»

«How RCD submarine tank work Comrade Spy! Tell more!»

«Not to worry Comrade General! Is big failure. Crew not brave enough to stay inside when tank start to dive.»

«Good! You have me worry Comrade Spy. Continue.»

«Then they go to place call Grafenwohr to help make bullets go straight again. But now they have Crazy Doctor who not dress like other people and who use Mexican vodka to ease pain in body and put back in head. No wonder they are afraid to take casualties.»

«What of the givers and takers back of new things Comrade Spy?»

«Ah Comrade General they have new officer, Capt Stephen, who beat Doctor at crazy dress contest hands-up. He look like Portugese Mercenary but he command fearful band of Commando's called Quarter Masters Light Infantry who when not fighting enemy, attack themselves during great fall migration. They specialize confusing enemy by taking many different routes into and out of woods and then screaming a lot.»

«I fear for our commandos Comrade Spy!»

«I also Comrade General because before great fall migration they bring in a bunch of French-Canadian racing car drivers to speed up deliver of POL. One called Gilles Villeneuve also make roads in rear area unsafe for commandos and he plows up fields and lawns for local people without being asked.»

«Who command this band of speed demons?»

«They have two men Comrade General. One called WO McNeil who is big like bull, run like gazelle. Other is Sgt who like to scream and throw paper. If he take off boot he be just like Comrade Kruschev. Him named Sgt Westhaver.»

«What about KGB strongman Sgt Malcolm?»

«Ah he is devil! He break down car at side of road so he can use new radar for low flying cars and officers. Very effective.»

«Is this all Comrade Spy?»

«Yes except they have new officer in Sqn called Capt Black who always confuse enemy by using different routes than planned. Troops see much of Germany.»

«I pity man who command such fearful warriors Comrade Spy.»

«Yes Comrade General one officer Major Blair became so tired leading these commandos they have to send him to tank sqn for rest. New Major is trying hard but these awful people been trying practice hide and seek tactics with him. He is terribly mean to them however on morning push-me-ups/run-me-downs. He swim like bull porpoise too.»

«Well Comrade Spy I don't believe one group of soldiers can do all this and be happy.»

«Ah Comrade General look I have photos of all smiling faces to prove it. Nice heh!»



SQs pushing the supplies forward.



D Sqn begging for use of QMCLI in counter-attack role.





Our FCS and weapons NCOs — without whom bullets would never go straight.



Capt Stephan asks «Where are the nurses?»



«Honest dear, this is all they give us on fallex.»



«CAT!? Are you sure this isn't the Expos vs the Blue Jays?»



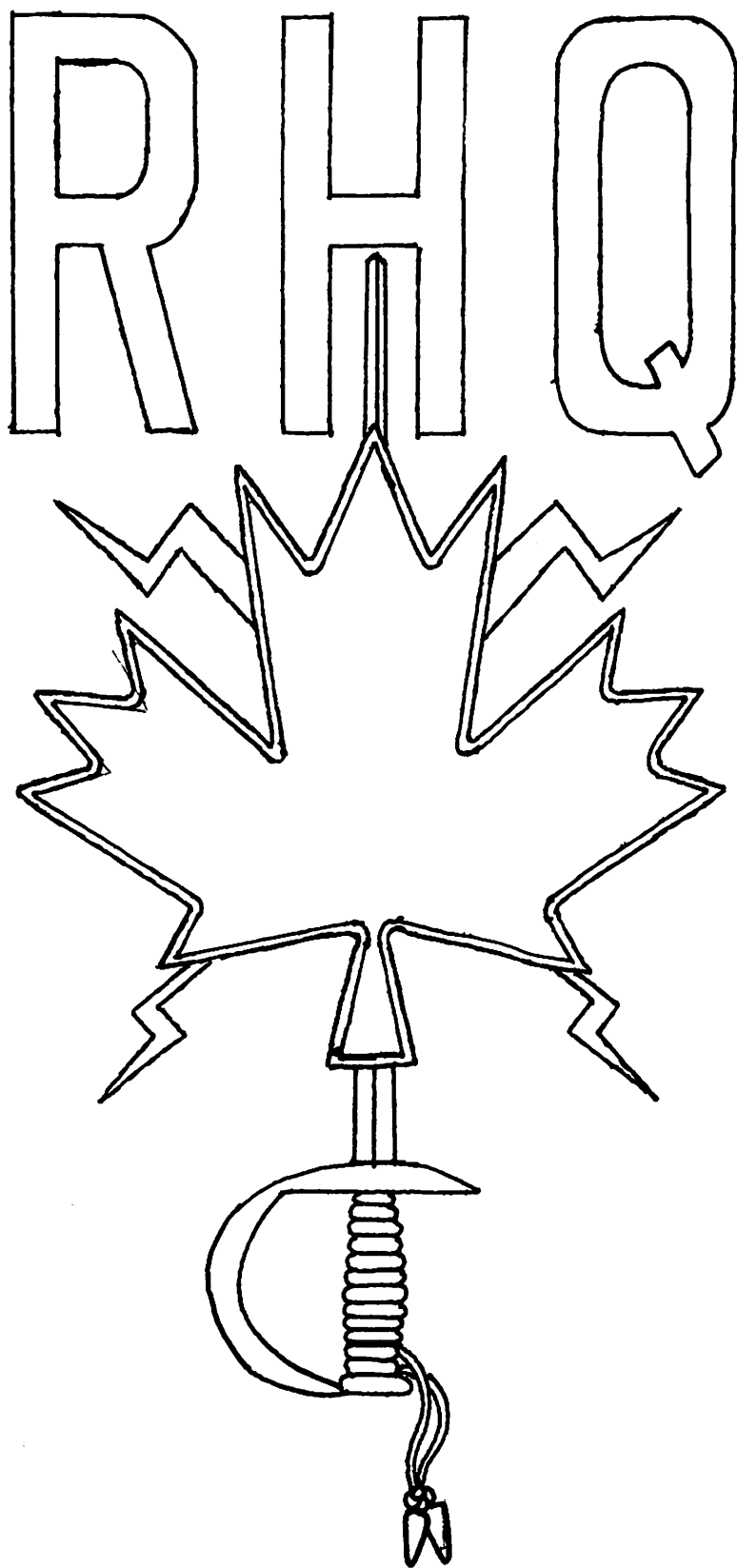
«I don't care what it says, B echelon got stuck here first.»

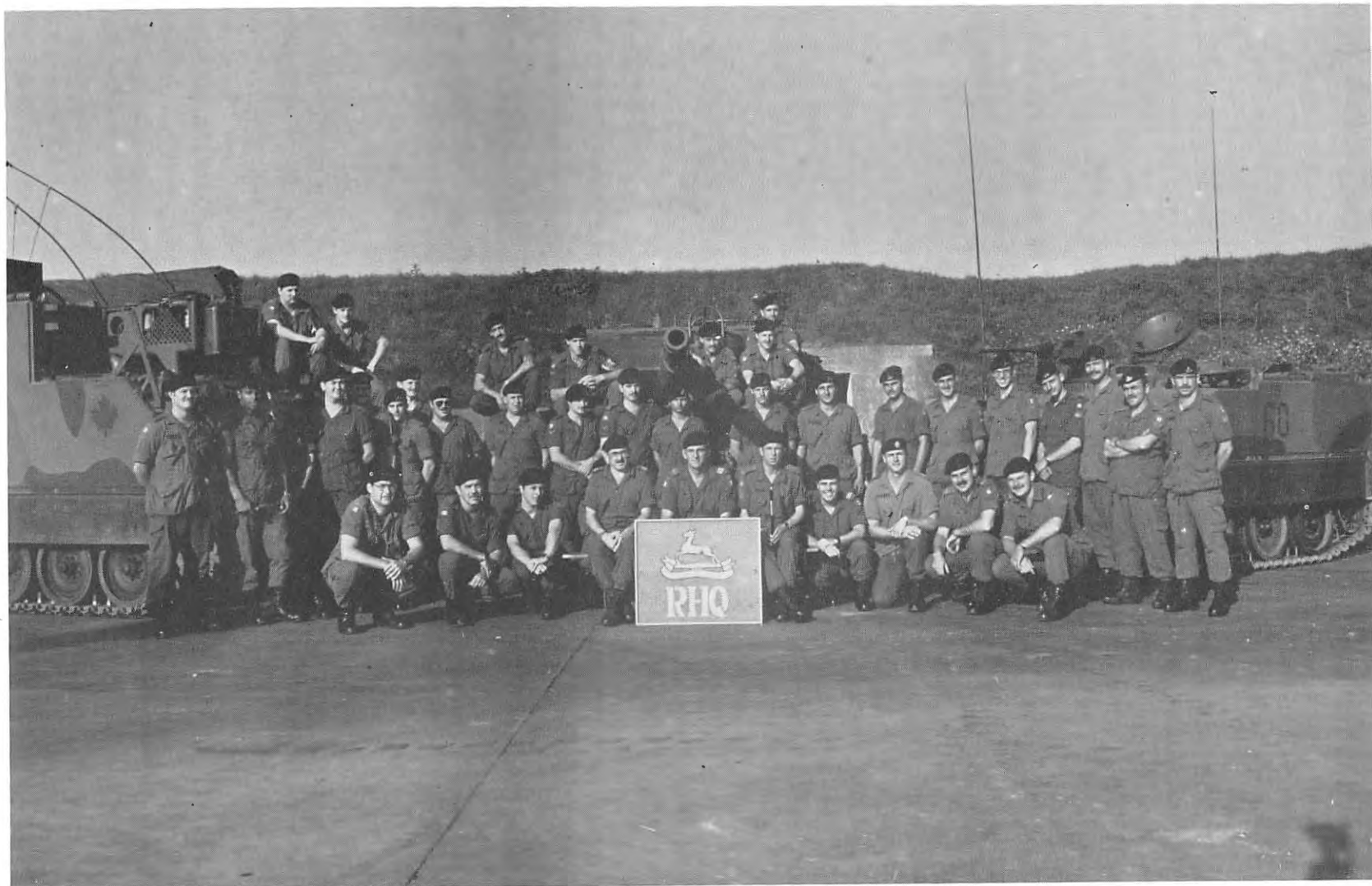


«It doesn't matter! Capt Ross wants a replacement for his jeep!»



The QMCLI minus.





## RHQ

As you know, RHQ is a mixed group composed of men and officers. Without RHQ, the regiment would operate as 5 different groups. Add RHQ and you have one sqn covering for another that is going through an enemy position.

RHQ likes to have fun like everyone else so I thought I'd tell you about a few incidents that happened during exercise Fall Ex 81. But first a brief description of RHQ.

RHQ is divided in 3 major sections! 1. A CP (command post) group that can't keep the batteries charged up long enough to get the radios working. 2. A tank group that goes to war without ammo. 3. A trucker and jeep jockey group that likes to call the «RCEME GUY» to change a bulb or a used wiper.

Most of the time attached to RHQ is RHQ recce troop, also known as the «Dirty Dozen», and the regimental poker team. Those are the guys wearing the RP sign on their arm.

Getting into the funny stuff now, I recall the night LCol Addy turned into Sgt Rock. It was a foggy night and everything was quiet, when all of a sudden, a column of enemy tanks were heading our way. They did not see us, (the art of camouflage is one talent well developed in RHQ). The fact that the fog was so thick you couldn't see two feet in front of you is irrelevant. I still think the camouflage did it. Anyway it seemed that our artillery was even thicker than the fog, because they opened fire, which gave away our location and in no time at all, we were under attack. The CO automatically took charge, as he often does, and started dispersing the men, fighting and taking grenade pins out with his teeth, throwing the grenades, and even tending the injured. Just like Sgt Rock would do. The thing to remember is Sgt Rock is a fictitious character and so was the little war we went through. But you could tell that in his younger days, our CO must have been a great troop leader.

The result of that war was four kills for us and then we got wiped out. But that is not bad for a couple of CP's, trucks and jeeps. We won't mention our two tanks.

Another incident was the time a certain Cpl from Cape Breton, who shall remain nameless, decided it was time the RSM did a duty, so he woke him up. That Cpl must have been pretty persuasive, because the RSM had both feet on the ground and was putting on his shirt before he told the Cpl to -----off!

There was the time when the DCO and Lt Mills had the same dream and they both found themselves on the floor of their trailers. Rumour has it that a gust of wind, which will also remain nameless, came along and lifted the side of the trailers and propelled the two officers to the floor.

I personally recall the time the CO's van was vandalized and everything in his locker got dispersed between Parsburg and Hohenfels. The crook, being an honest guy, bought the CO a pair of shoes.

Those are a few incidents that occurred to RHQ during that exercise. As you can see the RHQ group has their troubles like everyone else but they also work very hard.

I guess it comes down to what the Regiment is like. A bunch of guys who like to work hard because they know they will play even harder.

Article written by:

The Crook

## 12e REGIMENT DE CUIRASSIERS



Formed in 1668 under the name of ROYAL DAUPHIN, the 12e Regiment de Cuirassiers is now one of the two tank regiments of the 3rd Armoured Division, headquartered in Freiburg. The Regiment is stationed at Mullheim, a small town in Baden-Württemberg situated, like Lahr, at the edge of the Black Forest.

Like all tank regiments of the French Army, the 12e Cuirassiers is composed of six squadrons. Fifty-four AMX 30 tanks are grouped in four squadrons, a fifth squadron is mounted on VTT/AMX 10, and finally, the Command Services Squadron.

Three activities are included in all armoured unit annual training plans: tactical manoeuvres, gunnery, and the crossing of water obstacles. The Regiment also participates in important exercises in France or at Munsingen. There is also a small local training area nicknamed «Texas».

We, the officers, NCOs and men of the 12e Regiment de Cuirassiers, are honoured to be allied with The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

### AU DANGER MON PLAISIR!



Quartier Turenne at Mullheim — home of the 12e Cuirassiers.





Morning parade



The CO, LCol Lery



« Anybody home? »



«You're not serious, sir! I learned to swim so we could ford the Rhine, but now you want me to put skis on my tank!»



A fine day for shooting.



French or Canadian, war stories always finish the same way.

## BOESELAGER



Tpr G. Gagné, Tpr D. Steward, Tpr M. Faulkner, MCpl S. Murdock, Cpl K. Mulhern, Cpl F. Howard, MCpl M. Simpson, Lt M. Cessford.

A reconnaissance soldier, regardless of his nationality, is a member of a special breed. He is more concerned with the basic (but oh so important) soldierly skills than with the expensive, sophisticated equipment familiar to his tank brethren. He must be able to perform his mission independently, mounted or dismounted, regardless of weather, terrain or enemy situation. His camouflage must be superb, his vehicle recognition excellent and his navigation outstanding. He must be familiar with all forms of small arms, understand and use map symbols, be a competent first aider and know of enemy tactics and procedures. Equally important he must be physically strong to withstand the rigours of modern warfare.

Canadians have always enjoyed a very high reputation as recon soldiers. This reputation has lasted since the time of the Boer War and is still true to this day. Now, NATO has provided one of the best competitions for recon soldiers in the world. This is of course the Bundeswehr Boeselager Competition.

Each year soldiers from most of the NATO nations participate in this rigorous, demanding event. They are tested on shooting, AFV recognition, night navigation, tactical driving, helicopter reconnaissance, mounted recon patrolling and three exhausting physical events. An indication of the quality of the competition can be gauged from the fact that the 190 soldiers who participated in the event were selected from a total of over 10,000 recon soldiers. The competition was stiff, to say the least.

The RCD team, composed of recon soldiers from throughout the Regiment, commenced training in early January under the tender tutelage of our coach, Capt Mark Davies. Initially the team did only extra physical training, then later trained half days and finally from the beginning of April, full days. The programme was varied but intense. An average cross-country run, then 1-1/2 hrs in the swimming pool. This would be followed by training in vehicle recognition, shooting, WP organizations and uniforms and many other recon skills. The day would normally end with another run, unless (of course!)

the team was required to do night orienteering. This would vary from 8-15 km in distance through some of the worst country available in the Black Forest. Rarely would these night sessions end before 2 AM and every single time the team went out it rained!

In March the RCD team left to compete in the USAREUR Cavalry Cup Competition. This competition is designed to select the two U.S. teams that will go to the actual Boeselager competition and is a carbon copy of that event. The competition was tough (the end of competition party even more demanding) and the end results showed the Canadians in a very respectable second place, this despite the fact that most U.S. teams had been training full days since October.

The Calvary Cup was followed by 2 weeks training with our old friends from the 10th Panzer Recce Bn of the Bundeswehr. As the Boeselager competition is designed exclusively for the German Recce Bns to assess their tactics and equipment, this training proved invaluable to the team. Our tactics soon became an interesting mix of German and Canadian thoughts and ideas.

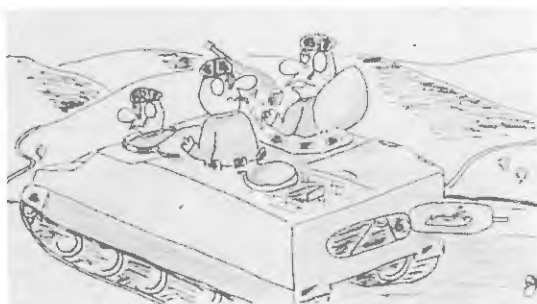
The team then joined the Regiment in Bergen Hohne where final training and preparation were completed. The final selection of personnel was also made and all that was left was the actual competition.

This took place 11-15 May at Sontra, home of the 5th Panzer Recce Bn. A total of 22 teams took part: 10 guests and 12 German. There were 2 teams each from France, Italy, the U.S., and Holland and 1 each from Great Britain and Canada.

From the very start the competition was fierce. The quality of the event exceeded all expectations. Every team was determined to do their best and all efforts were aimed at this goal. The Canadians did very well in most events but a mistake on the night orienteering cost them dearly. The placing was uncertain to the very end and when the smoke finally cleared the Canadians ended up in third place in the guest class and fifth overall. A mere 25 pts separated us from the first place team. In fact the first place team had already been beaten once by the RCD team during the Cavalry Cup Competition!

The Canadians had every right to be proud of their performance. Over the last four years we have won third prize three times and second prize once. All guest nations rightly consider the Canadians to be the team to beat, the ones who set the standard. There is no doubt about the quality of our recce soldiers in any of the participating national teams.

The next competition will take place some time in the spring of 1982. Our training will start in January with several interesting training events planned. The team is small and the competition fierce for a place on it, but if you desire excellent training and a chance to participate in one of the best competitions in the world; try for it! The chance to participate in the Boeselager Competition certainly makes all the sweat and work worth it. And next year our team is going to set the standard again.



The way I see it we should be able to hold eight — no, maybe nine divisions. Right men? — Men???



I figure the brigade commander will be inspired when hears we've taken the initiative at the border.

## THE BLUES AND ROYALS IN 1981

### Diary of events



It was quite obvious from looking at the forecast of events and the Second-in-Command's in-tray in January that 1981 was going to be a busy and demanding year for the Regiment. C Squadron were still away in Cyprus and were due to return in March. A and B Squadrons were to complete their conversion training, to be followed by troop and regimental training. This they did and the Regiment took to Salisbury Plain, the first of many exercises there this year, in March. It was wet and muddy and consequently enjoyed by all.

In April, B Squadron went to America for three weeks. They stayed with 4/68 Armoured Regiment at Fort Bragg and we entertained one of their companies here at «Fort» Windsor. B Squadron had a most enjoyable time and mostly came back with mid-Atlantic accents. The Americans also had a thoroughly worthwhile stay and made many friends both inside and outside the Regiment.

The other main event of the year was the Field Force overseas exercise in Denmark, Ex AMBER EXPRESS. A full report of the exercise by Major R.C. Wilkinson can be read elsewhere. Suffice to say that despite long journeys with a few hiccups, the Regiment made the most of the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of a foreign country.

We held our At Home Day on 21 June which was very well attended: some 1400 Association members and families came to see us. After a service at Holy Trinity Church the Regiment and Association marched back to the barracks where the salute was taken by Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith. Fortunately the sun shone for the afternoon's activities, which included a display by the Mounted Band.

The Major General's Inspection was held on 20 October. Despite the subalterns prayers the rain stopped in time for the parade to take place. All went well and the strange sights of squadrons doing arms drill in stubble fields in Denmark had clearly paid off. We now look forward to annual firing in November.

We have had numerous visits throughout the year, including Brigadier E.H.A. Beckett, MBE, Commander 6th Field Force, and Colonel A.J. Hartigan, the Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Household Cavalry; both of whom have taken up their appointments this year.

It has been a remarkable year in Windsor purely because, while in our present role, it is unusual for the Regiment to be together for so long. All that changes, however, in March next year when A Squadron will depart for Cyprus. For the rest of us it will be another busy year in which we all hope Salisbury Plain will largely feature.

## EXERCISE AMBER EXPRESS

In September the Regiment took part in Exercise AMBER EXPRESS which was a joint AMF, UKMF exercise in Denmark controlled by the Commander Land Forces Zealand. As with all major exercises, initial correspondence was followed by instructions, meetings, briefings, recces, orders, a work-up exercise and finally movement to Denmark nine months later. The Regiment was moved to and from Zealand by road, sea and air. Although stories will long be told of sleepless nights, uncertain delays, misplaced vehicles and aggressive peace demonstrations, we survived both journeys.

Our home for the first week was a large exposed stubble field outside Holbaek, where the QM and his advance party had erected a very respectable encampment. Everything was catered for except wind and rain, but fortunately we enjoyed idyllic weather until the last day at Holbaek. The period itself was devoted to low level and rather limited training. However, we were able to fire both 84mm anti tank weapons and SMGs. A part of troop leaders controlled artillery fire for 1 RHA and the close recce troops were attached to their particular battalions within the Force. Commanders spent much of their time on recces and TEWTs. On one occasion, Captain Hutchison and a Danish Officer found themselves negotiating for the same farm, only to realise they were on opposite sides!

Lt Gen Sir Paul Travers, GOC SE District, visited the Camp soon after our arrival and afterwards watched A Squadron training. On the Saturday we produced an equipment display for a party of Danish Home Guard officers. In the evening a troop of Fox flanked the parade ground for the UKMF Beating Retreat, and Musn Williamson played a fanfare. LCoH Rose and LCpl Cross, dressed in Dis-mounted Review Order, adorned the entrance to the Cocktail Party which followed.

Everyone had time off to visit Copenhagen, the breweries and castles, according to their tastes and desires. During unexpected lulls SCMs rehearsed their Squadrons in arms drill in preparation for the Major Genral's Inspection. This sight produced looks of consternation and astonishment from neighbouring units, who were unaware of the need for this unrestrained militarism.

The weather broke the day before the FTX. Our stubble field quickly turned into quagmire and all were eager to reach the shelter farms and woods which were to be our initial positions. Over the next five days the majority of the Regiment was given little break from action. We fought on the beaches of West Zealand, withdrew over a 20 km frontage in classic reconnaissance style, and finally advanced in contact during the counter attack. At the same time we entertained a flow of visitors, totalling one Lieutenant General, two Major Generals and three Brigadiers, in the first three days of the battle.

Our Danish hosts, umpires and liaison officers worked endlessly on our behalf; a piano was produced from the Officers Mess tent and large farms with suitable facilities procured during the FTX phase. The local people were delighted to see us and were most hospitable.

In conclusion the fog of war will always produce misunderstandings as the Commanding Officer discovered:

CO to Sqn Ldr:	'Yourself and a troop of Fox will be required for The Queen of Denmark's visit to the Exercise'.
Sqn Ldr to CO (2 days later)	'Colonel, I'm having problems producing Tpr Cox for The Queen of Denmark's visit.'
CO to Sqn Ldr	'No, I didn't mean Tpr Cox, but a troop of Fox'.
Sqn Ldr to CO	'But Colonel, Tpr Fox left the Regiment six months ago'.
CO	'!'



**LELIEFONTEIN 1981**  
**In Lahr —**



**CO leads the roll-past**



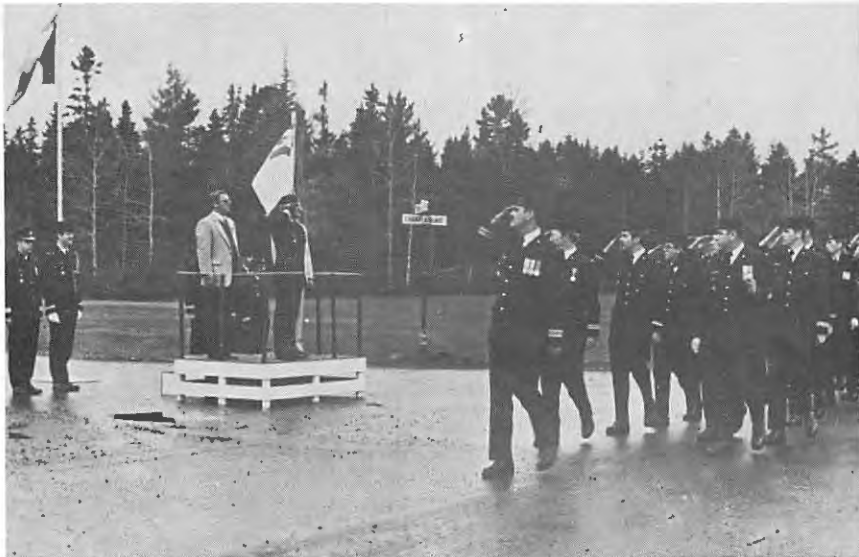
**The feu-de-joie**

## IN GAGETOWN

«Dragoons will march past in column of route, old comrades leading . . . . .» With this command, Col H.B.E. Lake, Senior Dragoon, Gagetown moved off a parade of old comrades, School/ERE Dragoons and C Sqn — a grand total of 178.



Old comrades, immediately behind Col Lake and in front of the ERE/School contingent, looking sharp and feeling proud. Old comrades: (L to R) Doug Shute, Don Murrin, Cal Custus, Ken McAllister, Don Broadhead (partially hidden), Cec Barnes, Colby Yeomans and John Price.



The C Sqn contingent pays their respects to BGen G.R. Cheriton, OMM, CD, Commander CTC. Mr Leroy Washburn, MLA Oromocto and Mr Clare Ripley, Mayor Oromocto.

## RCD SOCCER TEAM WINS 1981 CFE AND 4 CMBG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another very successful soccer season culminated with the RCD Wildcats capturing the two most hallowed soccer titles in CFE – the Bde and Command championships. On 16 and 17 July the Wildcats successfully defended their 1980 titles by defeating the 1 R22eR Citadelles 1-0 and CFB Baden-Soellingen 3-2. Both games were action-packed.

The Wildcats, ever strong, were reinforced this year with a fine young halfback, Tpr Chris Malczynski, who was presented with the MVP award at the season's end. The RCD also owe much to the tiny island state of Newfoundland which produced 6 of the team's 16 players: Hewey Cavan, Larry Skinner, Bruce Troke, Sal Edwards, Ed Ransberry and Kevin Tarrant. Keep 'em coming Joey!

Besides the «Newfies», the team was composed of Sgt Bob McPherson, Sgt Shawn Levis, Cpls Al Gauthier, Carl Ringma, Al Needham, Tprs Joey Thomas, Fred Howald, Cyril Brown and «Whitey» White. Coaches for the team were; Capt Gary Ross, Sgt Bob McPherson and Sgt Shaun Levis. Team Manager was Capt Gary Ross.



The RCD top scorers were as follows:

Larry Skinner	9 goals;
Joey Thomas	7 goals;
Fred Howald	4 goals;
Cyril Brown	2 goals;
Shaun Levis	1 goal; and
Chris Malczynski	1 goal.

The season record for the team was as follows:  
Regular Play

29 June	RCD 4, CFB Baden 5;
7 July	RCD 4, 1 RCHA 0;
8 July	RCD 8, HQ & SIGS Sqn 0; and
10 July	RCD 4, CFB Lahr 0.

Playoffs

16 July	RCD 1, 1 R22eR 0; and
17 July	RCD 3, CFB Baden 2.

The team lost only 3 of its players during the annual rotation – Cpl Al Gauthier (now O Cdt) off to officers' school, Sgt Shaun Levis posted to 444 Sqn and Cpl Kevin Tarrant to CFB Ottawa. Unfortunately, there was no CF National Championships this year. The RCD, with its depth, would certainly have been a top contender. Perhaps next year . . . . .

## SPORTS NEWS

Not all Regimental teams enjoyed the success of the Soccer Team, but all worked hard and were worthy competitors in the tough CFE leagues.

In Senior Hockey, the efforts of Cpl John Wolford were well rewarded. He was picked up by the 3 RCR Royals for the National Competition, where he won top scoring honours. Cpl Wolford was also chosen Most Valuable Player on the Regimental team, for which he was awarded the Fess Campbell Trophy.

1981 marked the first year in which members of 4 CER played on the Springbok team.

The No-Hit Hockey team narrowly missed the league play-offs, despite solid goalkeeping by MCpl Fred Bourgeois, and masterful skating and shooting by Capt John Lutes.

Following a two week round robin series, the Softball team finished in sixth place. Cpl Tim Renner, a versatile and expert player, was selected Most Valuable Player.

The Broomball team started off strongly, winning several games against the vaunted Van Doos, and continuing to earn the respect of all teams in the league. Unfortunately, the team was edged out of the finals to finish in fifth place. Special mention must be made of MCpl Frigon's fine defensive play, and of the scoring ability of MCpl Gilbert Giroux.

The Volleyball team, coached by WO 'Patty' Lawrence, did well enough to go to the semi-finals, but didn't quite make it to the top. MCpl Paul Parisee, Lt Brian (Speedy) Hale, and MCpl Mike (Giant) Simmons hammered out spikes set up by Maj Dave Summers and MCpl Jimmy Orr.

The Regimental Track and Field Meet was held on 30 September, and a delighted D Sqn walked off with top honours.

## THE RCD MESSES & INSTITUTES

Yes the Regimental Institutes are alive and well (and hopefully making a profit). This global network is still expanding and is providing all the necessary support (beer, Irish Cream, more beer, etc) that the Regiment requires.

Perhaps by way of introduction I should describe the personnel of the institutes and what they do for you.

Let's start with the kit shop, that home of Regimental «Buttons and Bows». The kit shop has lately become a property of the ever-growing empire of the Quartermaster, Capt Al Stephen. The QM basically decides what to buy, the prices and the stock levels. In fact salesmen from half the local companies are beating a path to Capt Stephen's door! Working for the QM are Tpr Breen Holmes and Cpl Al Edwards. They are the ones who so quickly and efficiently clean out your wallet. Its getting darned expensive to wander anywhere near the kit shop.

The next booming business we should discuss is the warehouse. One of the most important members of the Regiment (especially at TGIF) is the warehouse NCO. Cpl Ed Lyons fills this position and he is responsible for the purchasing, storage and issue of all food and bar supplies to the various rest areas. I've mentioned that local merchants beat a path to the QM's door but to see Cpl Lyons, they break the door down. This is especially true of the local breweries (they've even resorted to scattering free samples around the office)!

Another well known member of our staff is MCpl «Cec» Damery, the wizard of the engraving shop. You name it and he'll engrave it. Rumour has it that he'll be opening a tattoo shop on the side as well. MCpl Damery is very well known throughout CFE for his fast and excellent service.

Next we come to our unit cashier. This is the fellow that handles the cold, hard, cash. Sgt Dave Meredith has just taken over from Sgt Dave Grant (just in time for Leliefontaine)! The unit cashier handles all the monies that come into the Regiment from the various clubs, rest areas, squadrons or what have you. It's an important job with all sorts of potential (new Mercedes, new BMW) for the right man!

Finally we'll discuss the role of the poor, harried overworked, under-paid Combat Accounts Officer (who just happens to be writing this). Lt Mike Cessford is the present quill driver (remember, better to write than fight) having taken over from Lt Scotty Mills in early October. The job of the Accounts Officer is to keep track of all financial transactions within the Regiment. These transactions are considerable.

The last fellow in the institutes organization is of course the DCO, Maj Norm Ashton, the «Don» of our little mafia. He is directly responsible for the finances of the Regiment (perhaps the reason why he spends so much time near the bar at happy hour). Maj Ashton is the one who makes the decisions and sets the policy for all the institutes and in the Dragoons this is big business.

In closing I must mention the other members of our staff, the various rest area barmen and staff. These staff usually spend six months (after being press-ganged or when under threat of black mail) with us and provide an extremely valuable service for all members of the Regiment. They all deserve our thanks.

Finally let me say if you have any requests or suggestions let us know and we'll try and act on them. The institutes' staff is here to help you!

## **THE WO'S AND SR NCO'S REST AREA**

In our report of 1980 we stated that no one would be mentioned and the financial truth would not be spoken; we are happy to report in 1981, nothing has changed, except . . . .

We had our normal fun and mud-filled times at Hohne, Munsingen (for the all-new Big Bad 'B') Hohenfels, Leliefontein and in between CAT 81 at Grafenwohr. All members of the mess participated as they and only they can do.

We must mention a few names and of course the welcome to the new Colonel of the Regiment at the «Big Mess» 3rd Nov 81.

BGen Gautier and his wife Suzanne as our guests of honour, were the highlight of our very active year. Guests included WO Doug Lennox of the RAAC, RSM and several Sr NCOs from the 293 Panzer Bn. 12e RBC was represented by the top MCpl in the armoured corps, Sgt J.J. Antaya and, of course, the Command Chief Warrant Officer Bob Slaney was there.

The layout and colour was magnified by the lovely feast which was well prepared.

Although PT is a dirty word in the Rest Area, sports is not. We walloped the officers at soccer in Hohne, lost like gentlemen in hockey (we were challenged at an inappropriate time one late night) and gallantly went down 2-0 on the 16 Dec 81 at Broomball. The RSM reluctantly received «that» trophy of a poor donkey which he had so gallantly had made for permanent installation in the officers rest area.

As we enter 1982 let us not forget all members who have returned to Canada during the summer, and a welcome to their replacements. Our rogues galley is being updated to hopefully bring back recollections of that «So and So» and who will remember the new «ENTEN» dance and «Singing in the Rain».

From us at the Rest Area to all members of the Regt, «GOOD SOLDIERING».

## **MASTER-CORPORALS REST AREA**

This year marks the first entry by the MCpls' Rest Area into the Springbok. The MCpls' «Rest Area» was inaugurated by a luncheon during gun camp 81 at Bergen Hohne with the kind consent of our RSM, CWO MacAdams. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

As with any new organization there have been teething problems, however, our present committee, consisting of MCpl Moore (PMC), MCpl Hunt (V4/PMC), MCpl Foster (Secretary), MCpl Wiebe (entertainment chairman), and MCpl Ethier (housing chairman), has worked out the bulk of them. Our rest area was built from the ground up and could not have been done without the technical expertise of our carpenter, Cpl Steve Stitt, and our refinishing tech, Cpl Wayne MacDonald. Our heart-felt thanks goes to them.

There are many activities planned for '81 - '82, with the completion of the Rest Area and through the continued support of all members it will be a great year.



## **JUNIOR RANKS REST AREA**

During the months of Feb-Mar 81 the Junior Ranks Rest Area (JRRA) under went an extensive face lift. These renovations included a new ceiling to replace the one that mysteriously disappeared one weekend last winter, a stand-up bar, a stand for a disc jockey, and darts, a new look for the main bar, painting and new lights.

Much work went into this and thanks should be given to those members most responsible (in alphabetical order): – Steve Billingsley, Cel Edwards, Don Kraehling, Dave McKellar and Steve Stitt. Honourable mention should also be given to Sgt Plante and his able staff at BCE for their guidance and assistance and to Wayne «Mac» MacDonald alias Omar the Tent Maker, or the Regt'l refinisher for his assistance.

The «NEW» JRRA was opened on 4 Apr with a party which also served to say good-bye to the MCpls who formed their own Rest Area, and ceased to be members of ours, after the return of the Regt from Gun Camp in May. During Gun Camp the JRRA proved that, though it had lost some of it's talent, by winning the Inter-Rest-Area Dart championship.

This past summer the JRRA held it's annual Rotation Party with steaks and salads followed by a disco. As this party continued on into the small hours of the next morning it can only have been considered a success.

Most recently the JRRA held a happy hour in honour of our C Sqn «C FORCE» brothers. This was just prior to their return to Gagetown after the FALLEX period.

Plans for the immediate future include securing the bar, a project which was planned for the time of the main refurbishing but did not get completed. The New Year will see a new committee to replace our present committee which consists of the following members:

PMC	Dave McKellar
V/PMC	Jack Pepin
SEC/TREAS	Dan Martineau
ENT	Don Kraehling (and committee)
HOUSING	Cel Edwards (and committee)

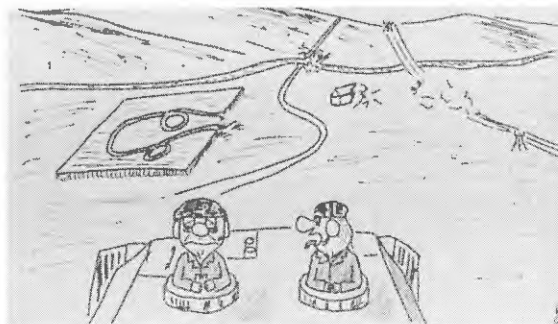
The JRRA has had a very successful year and this can only be contributed to the suggestions and continued support of our members.

# **PERSONNEL TAKEN ON STRENGTH 1981**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSTED FROM</b>
Maj	ND Ashton	FMC HQ St Hubert
Lt	AG Barnes	8CH Petawawa
Capt	RA Black	RSS Medicine Hat
Capt	JM Donnelly	CTC Gagetown
Lt	RB Henwood	LDSH (RC) Calgary
Capt	RM Hutchings	RSS Central Toronto
Lt	DW Kitchen	CTC Gagetown
Lt	LP Maybee	CTC Gagetown
Capt	JOPP Pharand	12e RBC Valcartier
Capt	PA Philcox	CDLS (L) (RAC School Bovington)
Lt	RJ Round	CFOCS Chilliwack
Capt	JWG Rousseau	12e RBC Valcartier
Capt	JM Snell	CDLS (W) (Armour School Fort Knox)
Pte	PK Badour	LDSH (RC)
Pte	SR Bailey	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	JRR Bark	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	RL Baron	CTC Gagetown
Pte	JJ Barr	CTC Gagetown
Pte	JG Bartlett	8CH Petawawa
Pte	DR Batelaan	CTC Gagetown
Pte	DP Bazin	LDSH (RC)
Pte	JFC Beauvais	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	JJ Beland	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	AJJ Belanger	CFB Penhold
Cpl	SC Balanger	12e Valcartier
Sgt	BE Bevván	CFB Toronto
Cpl	MP Billinger	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	DR Black	LDSH (RC)
MCpl	JD Blakeley	LDSH (RC)
Pte	JER Bolduc	8CH Petawawa
Pte	JA Bouchard	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	RE Brander	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	M Breten	2 Svc Bn Petawawa
Pte	WK Brown	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	BK Bryan	3 PPCLI Esquimalt
WO	GA Cady	CFB Chatham
Sgt	TGR Chenier	4 Svc Bn Lahr
Pte	JC Chouinard	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	ROJ Clarke	LDSH (RC)
Pte	AM Cobanoglu	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	CW Colbourne	8CH Petawawa
Pte	TT Colpitts	CTC Gagetown
Pte	RB Conlon	CTC Gagetown
Pte	WC Corbett	1 HQ & Sigs Calgary
Pte	BJM Cote	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	JHC Cote	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	CE Cox	LDSH (RC)
Pte	JJ Crate	1 CSR Kingston
Cpl	MV Critchlow	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	GE Crocker	CFB Shilo
Pte	PJ Croley	CTC Gagetown
Pte	CS Crump	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	SJ Curtis	LDSH (RC)
Pte	AR Dadds	CTC Gagetown
Pte	TL Demolitor	CTC Gagetown
Ptw	DYC Denis	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	DE Dewitt	CFB Borden
Cpl	JJR Dufresne	430 ETAH Valcartier

Pte	LJ Engele	CFB London
MCpl	JGR Ethier	1 RCHA Lahr
Pte	JD Evans	CFB Shearwater
Pte	WH Fawcett	C Sqn Gagetown
Cpl	WR Flight	3 RCHA CFB Shilo
Pte	AA Forward	CTC Gagetown
Pte	RA Fuller	LDSH (RC)
Pte	DT Gabbard	CBS Sigs Calgary
Cpl	JJB Gagnon	5 Field Amb Valcartier
Pte	W Galant	CTC Gagetown
Pte	GF Gaudet	CFB Ottawa
Cpl	AR George	4 Svc Bn Lahr
Pte	LYB Gignac	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	DB Giroux	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	KW Graham	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	RA Gratton	CFS Beausejour
Pte	S Gravel	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	CE Gray	8CH Petawawa
Pte	GD Hardiman	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	BT Hargreaves	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	HR Harkies	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	JH Hendsbee	8CH Petawawa
Pte	JD Heppell	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	GP Houston	8CH Petawawa
Sgt	JD Jobin	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	SD Jollette	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	DM Jones	LDSH (RC)
Pte	TW Laidlaw	CTC Gagetown
Pte	GA Lapointe	12e RBC Valcartier
Sgt	LGJ Larivee	CFB Bagotville
Pte	P Leboeuf	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	JK Leclair	CTC Gagetown
Pte	PPM Lefort	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	ME Legge	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	DG Lepage	Cdn Airborne Regt
Pte	JFG Lessard	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	JH Lilje	CTC Gagetown
Pte	JL Lowe	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	RS Mackie	HMCS Yukon
Cpl	K Malczynski	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	MD Mahon	CFB Trenton
Cpl	AJ Manion	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	TDM Martineau	FMC HQ ST Hubert
Pte	WJ MacGregor	8CH Petawawa
Pte	SJ MacNeil	8CH Petawawa
Pte	TP TcCoy	1 CSR Kingston
Pte	CJ McIsaac	LDSH (RC)
Pte	NP McLellan	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	BM McNeil	CFB Summerside
Pte	PPG Meehan	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	JG Mellish	LDSH (RC)
Pte	S Metivier	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	JJ Miller	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	CJA Morasse	5 CER Valcartier
Pte	EC Morgan	CTC Gagetown
Pte	MG Morris	LDSH (RC)
Pte	JGC Morrissey	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	RA Napier	C Sqn Gagetown
Cpl	JL Nero	CFB Montreal
Pte	JAA Neveu	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	DD Nickel	4 CMBG HQ & Sigs
MCpl	RJ Nolan	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	LW Ollerhead	CTC Gagetown

Cpl	DC Ouellette	1 R22eR Lahr
Cpl	JT Ormrod	HMCS Saskatchewan
Sgt	PD Paquin	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	JPMH Pare	1 R22eR Quebec
Cpl	BA Partridge	8CH Petawawa
Pte	RD Partridge	CTC Gagetown
Pte	JA Pentland	CTC Gagetown
Pte	JEG Pleau	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	AJP Polino	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	JG Pringle	8CH Petawawa
Pte	GA Prowse	LDSH (RC)
Pte	AJ Rayson	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	JT Reid	CFB Esquimalt
Pte	JDS Richard	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	WH Roberts	LDSH (RC)
CWO	RJ Roenspiess	CFB Shilo
Cpl	CJ Roley	CFB Shilo
MCpl	SC Rosenbush	4 Svc Bn Lahr
Pte	JAC Roy	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	TW Rychly	CFB Esquimalt
Pte	PA Schenk	1 HQ & Sigs Calgary
Pte	AG Schnurr	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	KG Secord	1 Svc Bn Calgary
Sgt	TW Shaw	8CH Petawawa
Pte	AU Shortcliffe	LDSH (RC)
Pte	GA Silliker	8CH Petawawa
Pte	DL Spence	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	LW Starchuk	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	JD Stearns	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	JM Steffan	HQ Sqn Lahr
Sgt	GJ Stoddard	4 CMBG HQ & Sigs
Pte	KD Sylvestri	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	JGAJ Tardif	1 CSR Kingston
Cpl	RH Tisdale	1 Svc Bn Calgary
Pte	VRD Toulouse	12e RBC Valcartier
Cpl	JML Vaillancourt	2 CER Petawawa
Pte	B Vantilburg	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	JAG Villeneuve	12e RBC Valcartier
Pte	DM Walsh	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	MA Ward	2 RCR Gagetown
Sgt	RD Weaver	1 RCHA Lahr
Pte	DTJ Webber	CFB Halifax
Pte	PD Wendland	8CH Petawawa
Pte	JKG Whelan	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	CM Whitefish	1 Svc Bn Calgary
Pte	MA Wilkerson	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	MB Wilkie	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	AD Wright	C Sqn Gagetown
Pte	DO Wright	LDSH (RC)



«You may rest assured Sir — your unique style of moving a tank will become a legend in the regiment»

# **PERSONNEL STRUCK-OFF-STRENGTH 1981**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSTED TO</b>
Capt	JMP Desnoyers	CTC Gagetown
Maj	JA Dalton	RSS Central Toronto
Capt	MS Davies	CTC Gagetown
Capt	HE Egner	RSS Central Det Borden
Capt	KD Gatehouse	8CH Petawawa
Lt	BD Hale	CFRC Regina
Lt	MS Holder	8CH Petawawa
Lt	GS Meisner	CTC Gagetown
Capt	SC MacDowell	Toronto CRHQ
Capt	PR Nielson	CTC Gagetown
Maj	HC Ross	LDSH (RC)
Lt	JI Roberts	Release
LCol	DC Summers	CFCSC Toronto
Cpl	CJ Audet	CFB Ottawa
Cpl	KT Arnoldus	CFB Edmonton
WO	IC Ashe	CFTS Toronto
MCpl	JDG Ayotte	5 Svc Bn Valcartier
Cpl	RM Andrus	Release
Cpl	RE Bonnie	Halifax
MWO	CJEL Bouchard	CMR St Jean Quebec
WO	EK Bates	LDSH (RC)
MCpl	WJ Besse	1 Svc Bn Calgary
MCpl	LRJ Brazeau	1 CSR Kingston
Cpl	LA Brown	Cold Lake
MCpl	JP Buchan	1 Svc Bn Calgary
MCpl	JGA Burke	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	SW Butler	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	CJ Bouchard	CFSAOE Borden
Pte	GR Banks	CFSIS Borden
Cpl	AG Burt	CFB Greenwood
Cpl	RE Bodden	CFB Chatam
MCpl	JAP Belleroue	12 RBC Valcartier
Cpl	RJ Chapados	Release
Sgt	RE Cable	LDSH (RC)
Sgt	GE Carpenter	CTC Gagetown
Pte	AF Cashin	8CH Petawawa
Sgt	WC Chapman	8CH Petawawa
WO	GM Clough	HQ & Sigs Lahr
MCpl	JE Costello	AB Sigs Petawawa
Cpl	RJ Couzens	3 RCHA Shilo
WO	P Czimmek	Release
Cpl	DH Cook	CFB Trenton
Pte	NJJ David	Release
Pte	TA Delaurier	Release
MCpl	JLJ Dooley	LDSH (RC)
CWO	CL Dow	NDHQ
WO	JAP Desrochers	202 Workshop Montreal
Cpl	DWC Dennis	CFB Comox
Cpl	RG Dallaire	C Sqn RCD Gagetown
Cpl	LJ Fischer	CFLCSC Kingston
Cpl	RG Fish	CFB Toronto
MCpl	SM Fisher	4 Svc Bn Lahr
MCpl	RP Fugon	CFB Chatam
Sgt	JEH Fraser	1 RCHA Lahr
Sgt	M Girouard	1 R22eR Lahr
Cpl	SJ Griffin	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	NA Guy	CFSCEE Kingston
Cpl	ED Guerin	CFB Edmonton
Cpl	DR Gamester	CFS Summerside
WO	JD Gillis	CFB Greenwood

Cpl	MG Grosleau	CFB Trenton
Sgt	BP Grzebinski	CFSAOE Borden
MCpl	GP Guerin	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	P Gorman	Release
Pte	JAAG Gauthier	CFB Lahr BTL
MCpl	PL Gagne	CFB Portage La Prairie
Cpl	NJ Harju	Release
Pte	RG Hamilton	Release
Pte	TF Horodnigzy	Release
MCpl	BA Hansen	SSF HQ & SIG Petawawa
Cpl	D Heard	CFB Toronto
Cpl	CR Hewitt	CFB Toronto
MCpl	GA Howse	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	RJ Habanec	CFB Cold Lake
Cpl	WM Harris	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	CD Holden	Release
WO	GD Ingram	Gagetown
MCpl	HM Jones	1 Svc Bn Calgary
Cpl	MR Jackson	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	R Jones	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	RC Jones	CFB Lahr BTL
Cpl	GW Kendell	CFB Ottawa
Cpl	RR Knox	CFB Trenton
Pte	GNJ Lachapelle	Release
Cpl	M Lajourelle	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	UL Lowry	Release
Cpl	AH Langmuir	Release
Cpl	RJ Lucking	8CH Petawawa
Sgt	MJC Laliberte	12e RBC
Cpl	K Lascouic	CFB Comox
MCpl	JAP Leterneau	FMCHQ St Hubert
Sgt	SA Levis	444 Sqn Lahr
Cpl	DM Lumley	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	RJ Labelle	CFB Lahr
WO	NL Lawrence	RSS Windsor
Cpl	JR Laffin	CFB Shearwater
Cpl	B Lebar	GGHG Downsview
Cpl	JL Lacroix	CFB Bagotville
MCpl	JPB Lafleur	4 CER Lahr
Cpl	JEV Martel	CFB Trenton
Sgt	MF Mawle	CFB Lahr
MCpl	SM Murdock	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	JP Morrell	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	IM MacDonald	2 RCR Gagetown
Cpl	BE Manthey	CFB Moosejaw
WO	KB MacDonald	444 Sqn Lahr
Cpl	VE Martel	CFB Trenton
Cpl	WM Mitchell	C Sqn RCD Gagetown
MCpl	JT McCrate	CFS St Johns NFLD
Cpl	GK McGuire	8CH Petawawa
MCpl	TE McKay	1 Svc Bn Calgary
Sgt	JL McNeil	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	DH McRae	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	JG McKenna	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	MK Oliver	LDSH (RC)
MCpl	RJ Orr	RSS Central Toronto
Pte	D Plourde	Release
Cpl	AN Provencher	North Bay
WO	M Paau	RSS Medicine Hat
Cpl	RD Panas	LDSH (RC)
MCpl	G Paradis	CFB Valcartier
MCpl	JGJY Poulin	CFS Aldergrove
Cpl	WA Pringle	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	EW Ransberry	LDSH (RC)



Cpl	WM Roninson	8CH Petawawa
MWO	JJ Rothenburg	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	B Roy	CFB Lahr
MCpl	D Roberts	4 Svc Bn Lahr
Cpl	AJ Reid	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	ME Rylands	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	LM Schultz	Release
Sgt	JD Stewart	3 RCR Baden
MCpl	DB Slater	LDSH (RC)
Cpl	RS Smith	Ont Regt RCAC Oshawa
MCpl	ST Smith	1 Svc Bn Calgary
MCpl	FV St Arnaud	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	RL St Denis	8CH Petawawa
Cpl	TF Swensen	CFB Comox
MCpl	A Szikszay	CFSAOE Borden
Pte	RJ Suderman	Release
Cpl	LJ St Cyr	Release
Pte	RC Tailleux	Release
Cpl	GI Tibbets	CFB Summerside
Cpl	TF Tarrant	LETE Ottawa
MCpl	KR Thompson	LDSH (RC)
Sgt	E Tobin	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	RO Tryhorn	LDSH (RC)
MCpl	JC Tasker	4 Svc Bn Lahr
Cpl	D Vignola	CFB Borden
Cpl	RG Webster	35 Dent Unit Baden
Pte	DC Waldo	Release
Sgt	SL Wright	427 THS Petawawa
Cpl	CL Wolff	Release
Cpl	JR Watchorn	Release

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Col	RJ Brown	CDLS (L) London
Col	JK Dangerfield	Suffield
Col	JAR Gardam	CPCSA Ottawa
Col	HBE Lake	CFB Gagetown
Col	C Milner	DCDS Ottawa
Col	JN Murphy	CFA Office Rome
Col	KG Troughton	CFB Kingston
LCol	DM Dean	CFCSA Ottawa
LCol	DJ Graham	DCDS Ottawa
LCol	GC O'Connor	CFCSC Toronto
LCol	DC Summers	CFCSC Toronto
Maj	WS Andrews	CFCSC Toronto
Maj	GE Bart	RSS Windsor
Maj	RFJ Berge	CFSME Chilliwack
Maj	KR Black	RSS Toronto
Maj	AM Brown	CPCSA Ottawa
Maj	RH Caldwell	U of Manitoba
		Winnipeg

Maj	DL Corkum	CFB Montreal
Maj	JA Dalton	RSS Toronto
Maj	HE Decoste	HQ 4 CMBG
Maj	BR Dixon	ADM(PERS) Ottawa
Maj	RM Elrick	CFB Borden
Maj	DA Henderson	CLFCSC Kingston
Maj	BE Hook	CFCSC Toronto
Maj	LO Klein	CF Liaison Det.
		ULM/DONAU
Maj	ECH Latham	RSS Moncton
Maj	AG Lawrence	UNTSO Jerusalem
Maj	A Maclean	CDLS Washington
Maj	DW Prosser	CTC Gagetown
Maj	TF Pyne	CFCSC Toronto
Maj	CA Sangster	ADC Gov. Gen.
		Ottawa
Maj	KRT Seeley	DCDS Ottawa
Maj	WH Smith	DCDS Ottawa
Capt	WR Allen	CFB Gagetown
Capt	MW Appleton	FMCHQ
Capt	ED Borylo	RSS Toronto
Capt	JLG Bouchard	CTC Gagetown
Capt	TJI Burnie	CFB Gagetown
Capt	MK Carswell	CFB Gagetown
Capt	MS Davies	CTC Gagetown
Capt	CJ Davis	CFOCS Chilliwack
Capt	JMP Desnoyers	CFB Gagetown
Capt	JLA Doucet	FMCHQ
Capt	HR Egener	RSS Borden
Capt	BJ Finn	CTC Gagetown
Capt	JC Gowans	AirCom HQ
Capt	TJ Grant	DCDS Ottawa
Capt	VPF Guy	HQ 4 CMBG
Capt	AK Hamilton	Suffield
Capt	DM Hunter	RSS Oshawa
Capt	MG MacDonald	CTC Gagetown
Capt	SC MacDowall	Cent Reg HQ
		Toronto
Capt	JL Machabee	FMCHQ
Capt	KM McKay	CFB Borden
Capt	JR McKenzie	DCDS Ottawa
Capt	MR McNorgan	CPD Ottawa
Capt	SE Moffat	CTC Gagetown
Capt	B Moore	RSS Praire
Capt	JK Moyer	CTC Gagetown
Capt	PR Nielsen	CFB Gagetown
Capt	MJ Pacey	RRMC Victoria
Capt	RO Parker	CFB Gagetown
Capt	JLM Richard	CFRC Montréal
Capt	RS Richards	CTC Gagetown
Capt	GL Sangster	CFLS Ottawa
Capt	RJ Shaftoe	CPCSA Ottawa
Capt	MJ Tanguay	HQ 4 CMBG
Lt	BD Hale	CFRC Regina
Lt	SA Martin	CTC Gagetown
Lt	GW Meisner	CTC Gagetown

#### ERE OTHER RANKS

CWO	DA Beattie	DCDS Ottawa
CWO	GR Bennett	CTC Gagetown
CWO	RJ Marriott	RSS Toronto
CWO	GE Martin	RSS Oshawa
MWO	JJ Flannery	CFB Toronto

MWO	TJ Horgan	CTC Gagetown
MWO	RJ McMilland	CTC Gagetown
MWO	DA Ritchie	CTC Gagetown
MWO	J Rothenburg	CTC Gagetown
MWO	TE Urbanowsky	CTC Gagetown
WO	JAD Arseneault	CTC Gagetown
WO	IC Ashe	CEN Reg HQ Toronto
WO	SR Ballard	CTC Gagetown
WO	R Berry	CFRS Cornwallis
WO	RF Chalmers	CTC Gagetown
WO	JG Elliott	ESTB Ottawa
WO	JAR Fougere	RSS Sherbrooke
WO	GD Ingram	CTC Gagetown
WO	NL Lawrence	RSS Windsor
WO	RI Lépine	RSS London
WO	SC Nann	CTC Gagetown
WO	JL Martin	427 THS Petawawa
WO	HW Nolte	RSS Borden
WO	M Paauw	RSS Praire
WO	JM Perron	CTC Gagetown
WO	FE Rymarchuk	403 HOTS Gagetown
WO	SB Stach	CFOCS Chilliwack
WO	HR Sutton	403 HOTS Gagetown
WO	GW Taylor	RSS Toronto
WO	FA Theiner	CFLA Borden
WO	JD Vienneau	444 THS Lahr
Sgt	FA Alchorn	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	AA Barker	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	LC Beaton	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	DM Biener	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	HF Blackie	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	JYLD Blouin	CFRS St Jean
Sgt	RR Boutilier	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	GE Carpenter	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	WG Cleveland	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	JR Coulombe	CFRC Trois-Rivières
Sgt	FE Dedrick	CFRS Cornwallis
Sgt	DW Dielscheider	CFRC Kamloops
Sgt	JJP Doiron	403 HOTS Gagetown
Sgt	JR Dolomount	RSS Praire
Sgt	PA Dunphy	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	JH Hamer	444 THS Lahr
Sgt	DR Harvey	CFRS Cornwallis
Sgt	RA Hopkins	CFRS Cornwallis
Sgt	JJG Jobin	403 ETAH Valcartier
Sgt	JDJ Lévesque	CFRS Cornwallis
Sgt	SA Lévis	444 THS Lahr
Sgt	GR Locke	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	VH Matheson	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	RE MacDougall	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	JD Millard	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	WA Moore	RSS Charlottetown
Sgt	PM Shute	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	PJ Simon	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	AB Smith	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	E Tobin	CTC Gagetown
Sgt	SL Wright	427 THS Petawawa
MCpl	RG Baldwin	RSS Charlottetown

MCpl	DL Carter	CTC Gagetown
MCpl	DP Crayne	RSS Prairie
MCpl	JPM Dubé	CFLS Borden
MCpl	DF Guy	CFB Comox
MCpl	RW Jewett	CFRS Cornwallis
MCpl	FM Kube	RSS Moncton
MCpl	KD Kuzyk	CTC Gagetown
MCpl	LL Murphy	CTC Gagetown
MCpl	RJ Orr	RSS Toronto
MCpl	WE Owens	CTC Gagetown
MCpl	JME Robicaud	CFRS St Jean
MCpl	RD Spencer	CFRS Cornwallis
MCpl	LD Vickers	RSS Vancouver
MCpl	WD Visneskie	CTC Gagetown
MCpl	JMYR Whelan	427 THS Petawawa
Cpl	RE Bodden	CFB Chatham
Cpl	JCE Bouchard	CFSAOE Borden
Cpl	JEM Boulay	CFB Bagotville
Cpl	JJEJ Brady	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	AG Burt	CFB Greenwood
Cpl	JAR Desbiens	15 Dent Unit St Jean
Cpl	DH Dodge	CFB Comox
Cpl	CR Duke	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	LJ Fisher	CLFCSC Kingston
Cpl	AA Gallant	CFB Gagetown
Cpl	JGM Grosleau	CFB Trenton
Cpl	ED Guérin	CFB Edmonton
Cpl	NA Guy	CFSCE Kingston
Cpl	RJ Habanec	CFB Cold Lake
Cpl	CR Hewitt	CFB Trenton
Cpl	BW Jordan	CFB Comox
Cpl	RR Knox	CFB Trenton
Cpl	FLC Lacroix	CFB Bagotville
Cpl	DW Lantz	CFB Gagetown
Cpl	K Laskovic	CFB Comox
Cpl	NC Levesque	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	JEV Martel	CFB Trenton
Cpl	DHW McDonald	CFB Suffield
Cpl	JG McKenna	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	JGE Paradis	5 Svc Bn Valcartier
Cpl	RB Potter	CFB Comox
Cpl	WA Pringle	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	JNAS Provencher	CFB North Bay
Cpl	KS Rankin	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	PE Ringer	CTC Gagetown
Cpl	AG Ryan	CFB Gagetown
Cpl	RS Smith	RSS Oshawa
Cpl	TF Swenson	CFB Comox
Cpl	KF Tarrant	LETE Ottawa
Cpl	TLE Thompson	CFSME Chilliwack
Cpl	LG Zinck	CFB Gagetown
Pte	PR Neville	DREO Ottawa



